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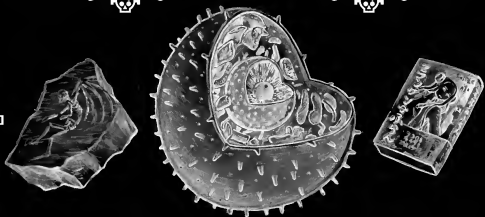
story and art
**KATSUMISA
KIGITSU**







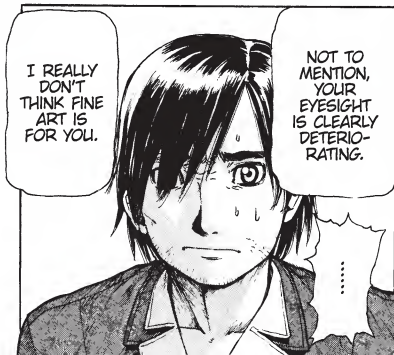
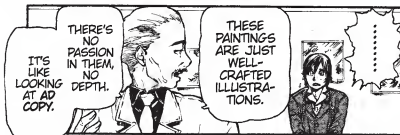
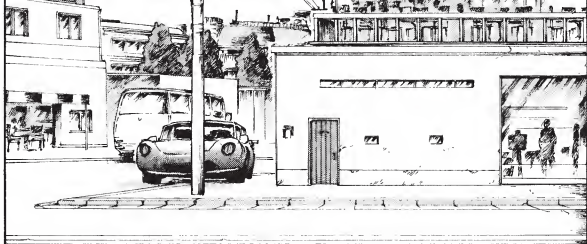
Franken  Fran Katsuhisa Kigitsu



The physician does no good, and at the very least, saps away at the patient's life bit by bit, whittling it away and readying him for death sooner.

- Michel de Montaigne

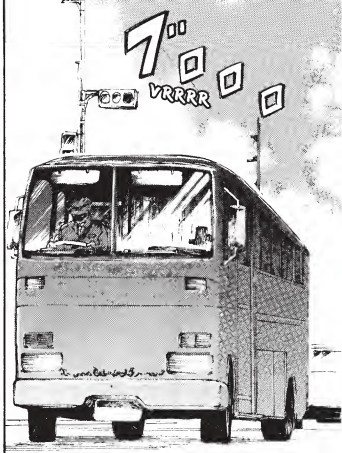
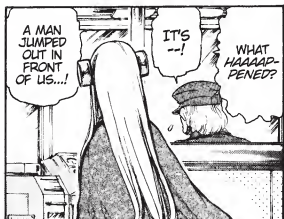
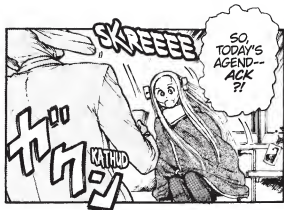






Ep.8 /

BEAUTIFUL WORLD



YOUR
EYES...

OH...

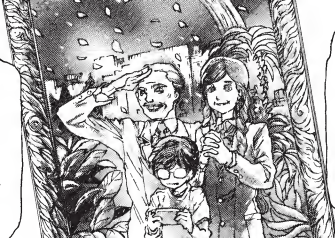
YOU SEE,
I'M A
PORTRAIT
ARTIST.

THERE'S
ALWAYS
PLENTY OF
WEALTHY,
SUCCESSFUL
MEN WHO
WANT AN OIL
PORTRAIT.

THE
MARKET'S
NOT
HUGE,
BUT IT'S
PRETTY
STABLE.

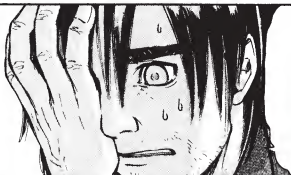
I KNOW--
IT'S NOT
THE KIND
OF THING
YOU THINK
PEOPLE
STILL DO.

CLIENTS
WANT
HUMOR
AND WIT,
AND
TOP-LEVEL
TASTE.



OF COURSE,
THESE DAYS
YOU CAN'T
JUST HAVE
GOOD
TECHNIQUE.

BUT
LATELY,
I'VE BEEN
INCREDIBLY
DIZZY.
I WENT TO
THE DOCTOR,
AND...



I JUST
WASN'T
FEELING
SATISFIED,
SO I
THOUGHT
I'D TRY MY
HAND AT
FINE ART.

WHAT
THE
HELL'S
FRAN
PLAYING
AT?

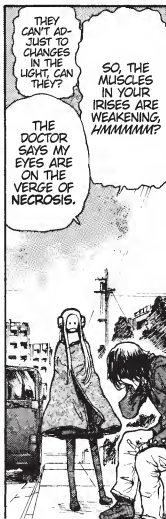
GOT
ME.



THEY
CAN'T AD-
JUST TO
CHANGES
IN THE
LIGHT, CAN
THEY?

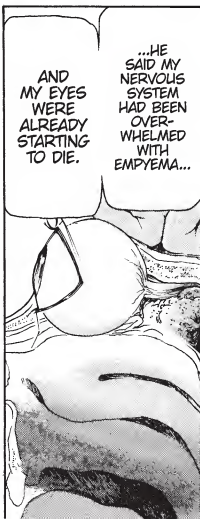
THE
DOCTOR
SAYS MY
EYES ARE
ON THE
VERGE OF
NECROSIS.

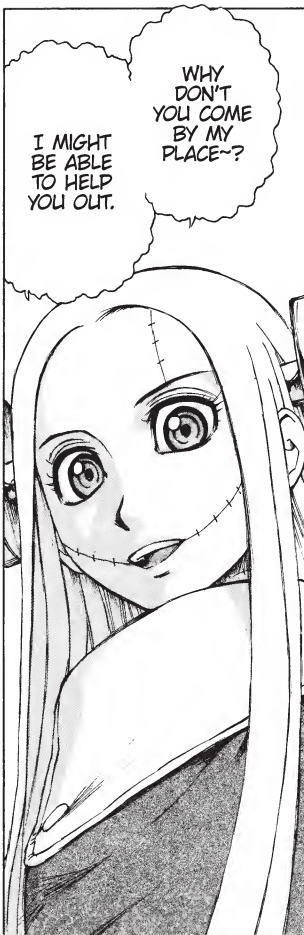
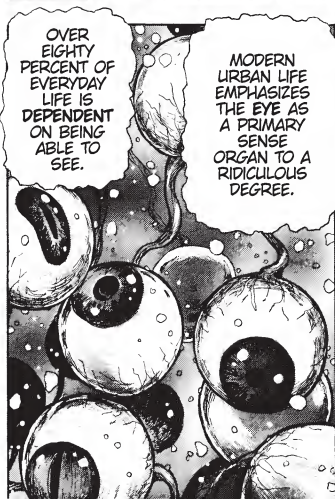
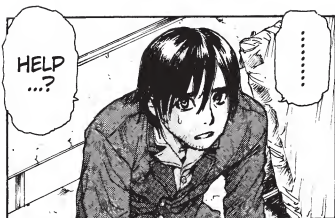
SO, THE
MUSCLES
IN YOUR
IRISES ARE
WEAKENING,
HMMMMMM?



AND
MY EYES
WERE
ALREADY
STARTING
TO DIE.

...HE
SAID MY
NERVOUS
SYSTEM
HAD BEEN
OVER-
WHELMED
WITH
EMPYEMA...



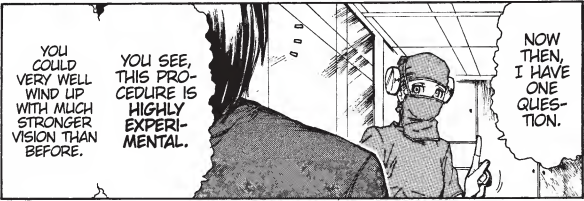




LOSING SUCH A CRUCIAL SENSE IS ALMOST AS TERRIFYING AS DEATH.

AND SINCE OUR LIFE IS BASED UPON ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS...

OUR ENTIRE ENVIRONMENT IS SET UP AROUND VISION.



YOU COULD VERY WELL WIND UP WITH MUCH STRONGER VISION THAN BEFORE.

YOU SEE, THIS PROCEDURE IS HIGHLY EXPERIMENTAL.

NOW THEN, I HAVE ONE QUESTION.



SO, WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE?

OF COURSE, WHETHER YOU WANT TO TAKE THE CHANCE IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU.

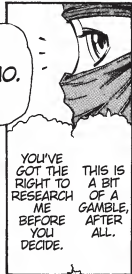
HOWEVER, THERE'S ALSO A CHANCE YOU COULD LOSE YOUR SIGHT ENTIRELY.



I TRUST YOU.

YOUR VOICE TELLS ME ALL I NEED.

NO.



YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT TO RESEARCH ME BEFORE YOU DECIDE.

THIS IS A BIT OF A GAMBLE, AFTER ALL.

THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE POLICE, MANY OTHERS.

I'VE GOT PLEEEEN-TY OF REFERENCES.



REMOVE
THE
EMPYEMA,
SWITCH
THE OPTIC
NERVE.

FIRST,
WE
OPEN
THE
FORE-
HEAD.

IN THAT
CASE,
LET'S
BEGIN!

AND
FINALLY,
EYEBALL
TRANSPLANT
PROCEDURE~!

(Local
Anes-
thesia)

Hee hee hee hee

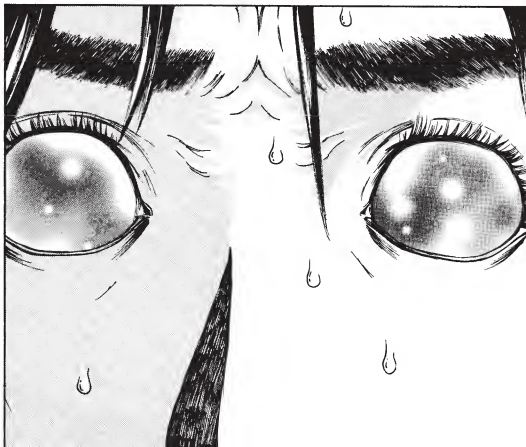
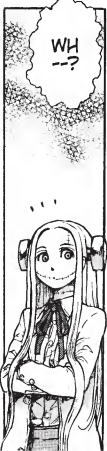
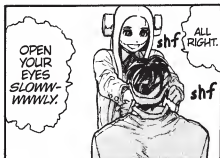
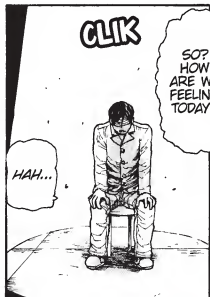
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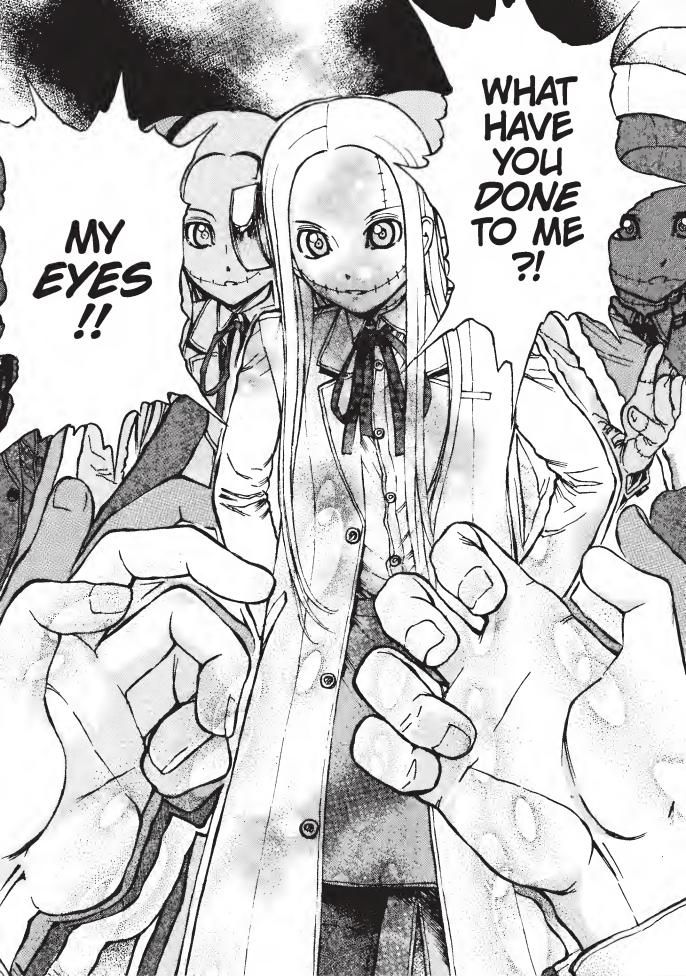
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Hee hee hee hee hee hee.





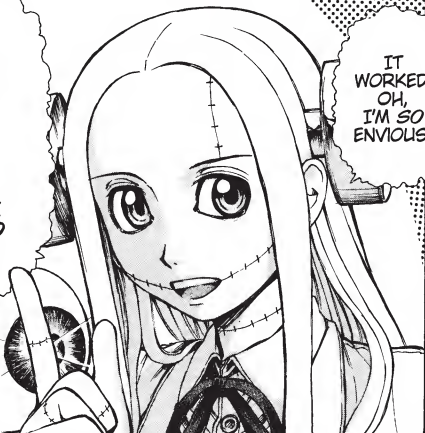


**MY
EYES
!!**

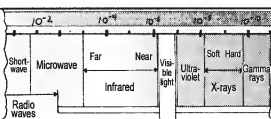
**WHAT
HAVE
YOU
DONE
TO ME
?!**

THE HUMAN EYE ONLY HAS THREE TYPES OF COLOR RECEPTOR CELLS, BUT FOR YOUR NEW EYES...I QUADRUPLED THEM.

IT WORKED. OH, I'M SO ENVIOUS.



THIS IS THE LIMIT OF WHAT THE HUMAN EYE HAS THE PHYSICAL CAPACITY TO SEE.

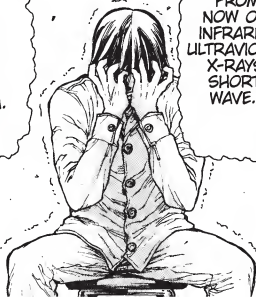


THE THREE PRIMARY COLORS, TRICHO-MATIC LIGHT...

ALL COLORS, NO MATTER HOW COMPLEX, ARE STILL A BLEND OF RED, YELLOW, AND BLUE.

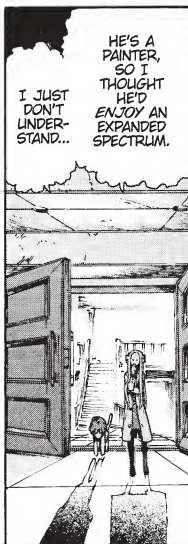
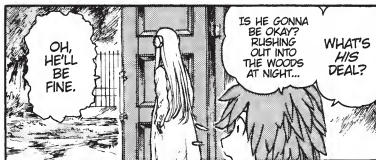
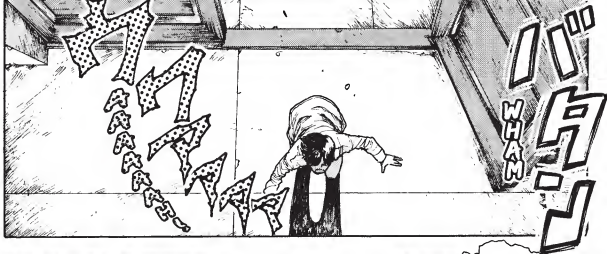
THEY'LL ALL BE PART OF YOUR VISIBLE SPECTRUM.

FROM NOW ON, INFRARED, ULTRAVIOLET, X-RAYS, SHORT-WAVE...



BUT THEN AGAIN, THE MANTIS SHRIMP HAS SIXTEEN COLOR RECEPTORS.

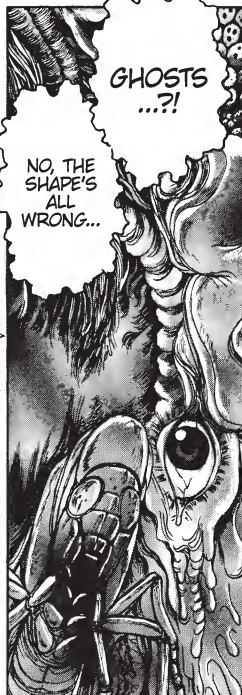
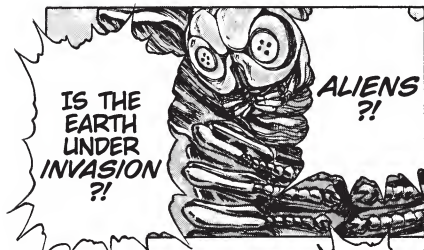
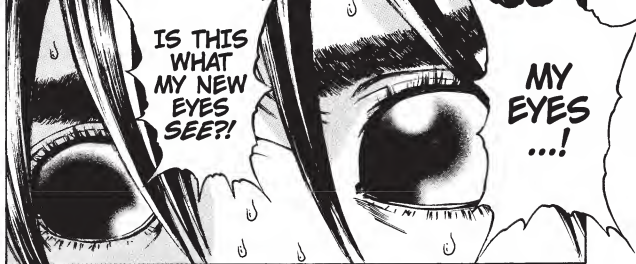




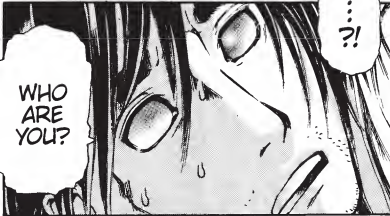


STAY
AWAY
FROM
ME!!

OH,
GOD--
WHAT
IS
THIS
?!

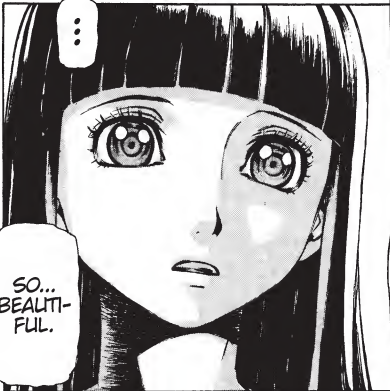




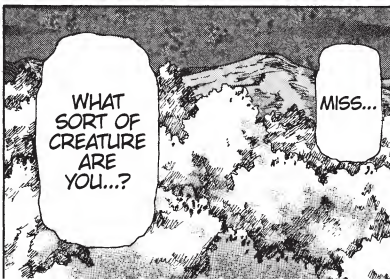


WHO
ARE
YOU?

...?
?!

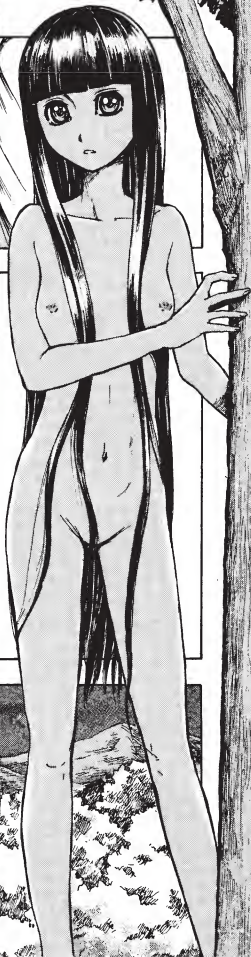


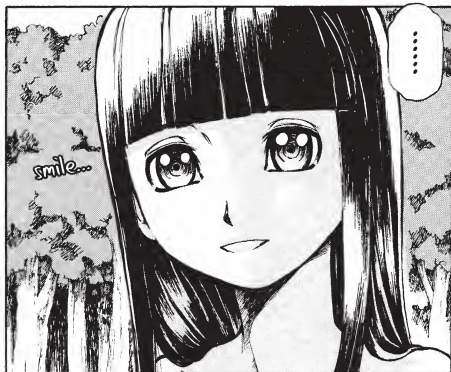
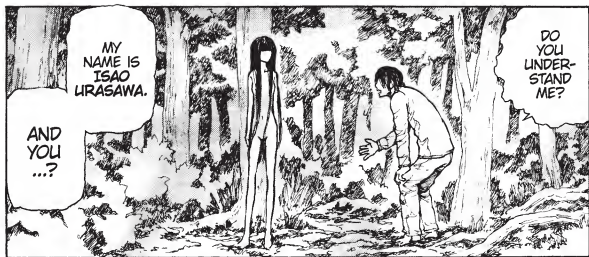
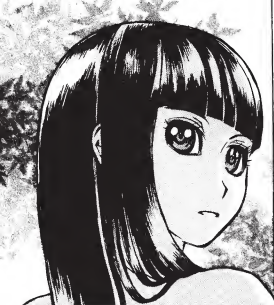
SO...
BEAUTI-
FUL.

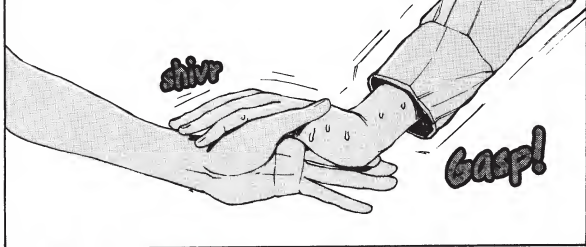


WHAT
SORT OF
CREATURE
ARE
YOU...?

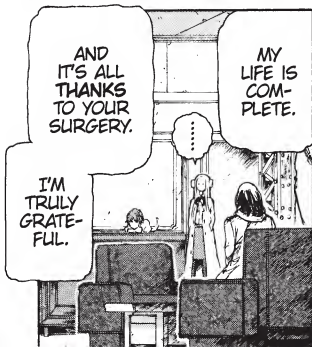
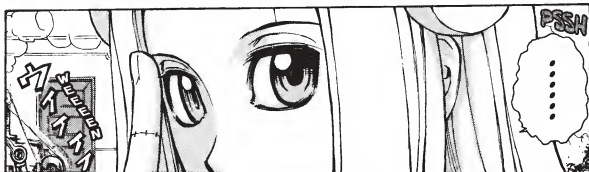
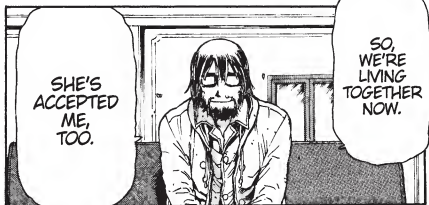
MISS...











IT'S
LIKE THAT
SLUMP
I WAS IN
NEVER
HAPPENED.

ART'S A
SIMPLE
DELIGHT
FOR ME
AGAIN.

HERE,
THIS
IS MY
PORTRAIT
OF HER.

OKITA!
HUSH
!!

WH-
WHOA
...!

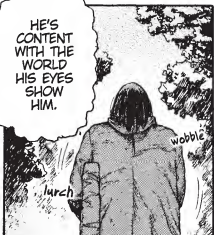
THAT'S
--!

SHODER



I OWE
MY
PARADISE
TO YOU.

THANK
YOU,
FRAN-
SAN.



HE'S CONTENT
WITH THE
WORLD
HIS EYES
SHOW
HIM.

lurch

wobble



FRAN,
THAT
THING
HE'S
LIVING
WITH....!

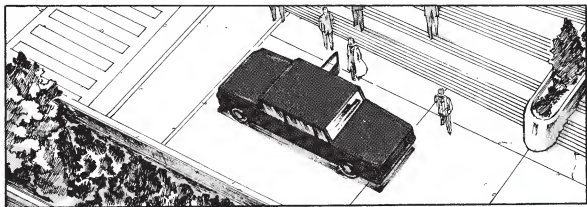
LET
IT
GO.



COULD
ANYTHING
BE MORE
BEAUTIFUL
...?

HE'S
LIVING
INSIDE THE
ART HE
LONGED TO
CREATE.

BESIDES,
DIDN'T
YOU SEE
HOW
GOOD
THAT
PAINTING
WAS?



IT CAME FROM THE NISHIGAWA WING!

THE PRESIDENT'S BEEN SHOT!

A SNIPER !!



TAKE HIM ALIVE!!

FIND THE SHOOTER!!



ボム!!
BANG!!

PLSSshk

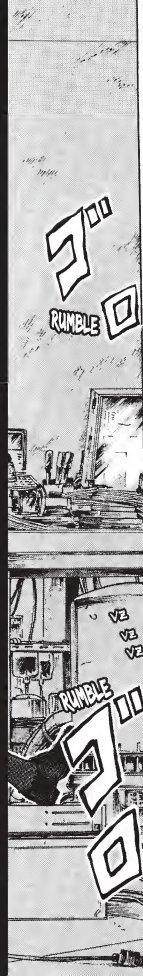


WHAT?
A NEW
BODY
DOUBLE
...?

KRA-KOOM

MY!
MOLTON-
SAN,
IT'S BEEN
AGES~!

Ep.9/FAKE



700
RUMBLE

VE
VE
VE
RUMBLE
700



GET IN
TOUCH
WITH THAT
DOCTOR IN
JAPAN.

FLASH

I
NEED
A NEW
BODY.



IF THIS
KEEPS UP,
ALL MY
LIVES
AREN'T
GONNA BE
ENOUGH.

DAMMIT
...

THEY
GOT THE
FAKE,
EH?

THE
QUALITY
WOULD
REEEEALLY
NOT BE
UP TO
PAR.

I'M A
BIT
SHORT
ON
MATE-
RIALS.

OH,
WELL,
ACTU-
ALLYYY-
YYYY...

LOOKS
LIKE
MOLTON'S
ON HIS
WAY, HM?

OKITA,
WERE
YOU
EAVES-
DROP-
PING?

SO,
WHAT'S
THE
DEAL?

shak

Yaaawn!

ALL
RIIIII-
IGHT.

MM
HMM,
MM
HMM.

I
SEE.

TAPPITY
TAPPITY

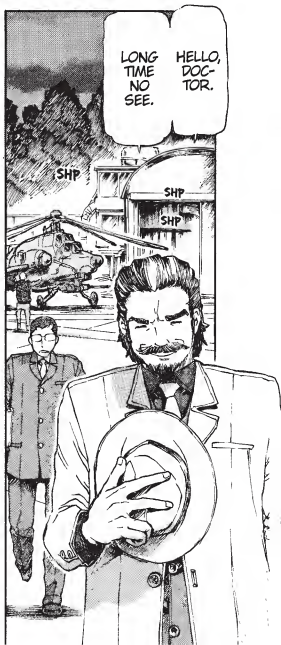
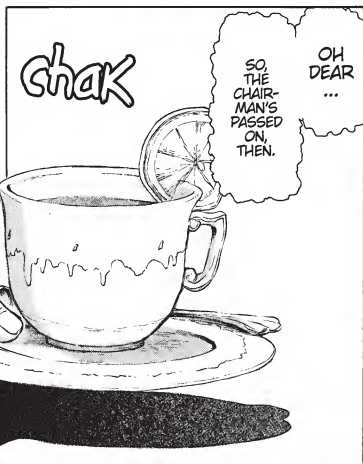
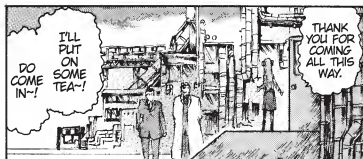
MOLTON'S
REALLY
THE
HEAD OF
A HUGE
INTER-
NATIONAL
CRIME
SYNDICATE.

OH, THE
FASHION
STUFF IS
JUST A
FRONT.

ROYAL MOLTON

MOLTON?
THAT'S THE
JEWELRY
AND
FASHION
MOGUL,
RIGHT?

WHAT'S
THAT
DUDE
WANT
WITH
US?



BUT
DANVER
FROM
THE OLD
MANAGEMENT
HAD TO OPEN
HIS FAT
YAP ABOUT
MY DAD'S
BASTARD
CHILD.

IT
SHOULD
ALL GO
TO ME...

THE DIS-
TRIBUTION
OF HIS
ESTATE'S
GOT THE
WHOLE
GROUP IN
A TIZZY.

OH,
WE
GOT
THAT
COVERED.

RIGHT
NOW, MY
HUMAN
BODY
RESERVES
ARE...

I SEE
WHY YOU
WANT A
DECOY,
BLIT...

SNAP

ONE
WRONG
MOVE
AND THE
WHOLE
THING
BLOWS
UP ON
US.

SO NOW,
WE'RE
ALL
SITTIN'
ON A
POWDER
KEG.

DICE
THE
BASTARD
UP.

THIS
IS THE
SNIPER
WHO
NAILED
ME.

OH, AND
IGNORE
HIS
SNIVELING.
THE GUY'S
A HITMAN--
HE KNEW
THE RISKS.

LET
ME
GO!!

HELP!



YES,
I BE-
LIEEEEEVE
I CAN
WORK
WITH
THIS.

HMMM,
A GOOD
MATCH
IN AGE
AND
APPEAR-
ANCE.



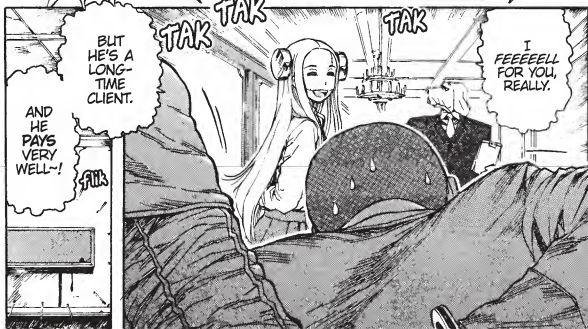
I WANT
THIS
DONE
PRONTO.

THEN
I LEAVE
HIM
TO YOU,
DOCTOR.



PLEASE,
SOME-
ONE
HELP
ME!!

STOP
....!!



BUT
HE'S A
LONG-
TIME
CLIENT.

I
FEEEEEL
FOR YOU,
REALLY.

AND
HE
PAYS
VERY
WELL~!

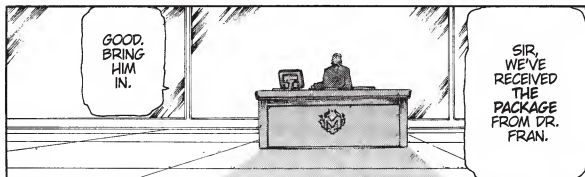
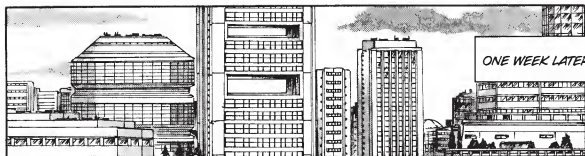
WEEEEE
ARTIFICIAL
BONE
FIXATION
DEVICE!
PROKI-
NASE
INJECTION
!!

RE-
BUILDING
FROM
SKELETAL
LEVEL!

GACHK
SKRR
SKRR
SKRR
BEGIN
THE
OPERATION!!

BE
CAREFUL
WHEN
REPOSI-
TIONING
THE FACIAL
MUSCLES...

KRRK
KRRK
KRRK
SKREEEEEE
イイイイイ



FIND HIM AND RUB HIM OUT!

OH, AND THAT KID WHO CLAIMS TO BE MY BASTARD BROTHER?

OH,
AND THAT
KID WHO
CLAIMS
TO BE MY
BASTARD
BROTHER?

YES, SIR.

HAVE
THE FAKE
DO SOME
CIRCULAT-
ING, GET
SEEN.

I'LL
DISAP-
PEAR
FOR
A BIT.



IT'S
ALL
READY.

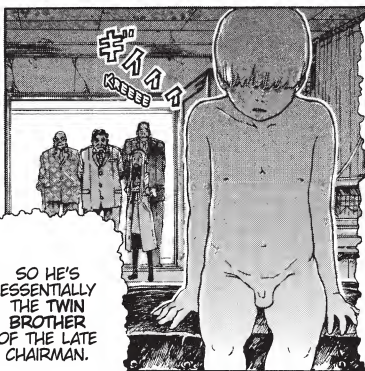
OH
YES,
DANVER-
SAN.



YES,
HERE
YOU
GOOOOO.

A CLONE
CRAFTED
FROM
CHAIRMAN
MOLTON'S
STEM CELLS,
JUST
LIKE YOU
ASKED.

SO HE'S
ESSENTIALLY
THE TWIN
BROTHER
OF THE LATE
CHAIRMAN.



THEY'RE BOTH PAYING ME, AFTER ALL.

IN-DEEED.

HUH? YOU'RE WORKING BOTH SIDES OF THIS RACKET?



WELL, THE MAN DID MAKE A PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SO THE BROKERAGE COULDN'T VERY WELL REFUSE....

CLAMOR

THE PRESIDENT GAVE THE ORDER, SO...

YES, SIR!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MY MOLTON SHARES ARE BEING DUMPED?!

WHAT?!

SO, WHERE'S THE MONEY FROM THE SALE ...?

FINE, SHUT UP...

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

DONATED
TO
CHARITY
...?!

WH
--?!

tremble
shake



THAT
FUCKING
DOLBLE'S
MESSING
WITH ME!!

...WAS
PROVEN
THROUGH
DNA
TESTING
TO BE, IN
FACT, THE
FASHION
MOGUL'S
HEIR.

JAKE,
RUMORED
TO BE THE
SON OF
MOLTON,
THE HIGH-
FASHION
BRAND
KING...

HEY,
CHECK
THIS
OUT!

DNN

DNN

...AND
HOW THE
COMPANY
WILL BE
HANDLED,
IS NOW
UNDER
INVESTI-
GATION.

twitch
twitch

BECAUSE
OF THIS
DEVELOP-
MENT, THE
POSITION
OF CURRENT
PRESIDENT
ROLL
MOLTON...



YOU
CAN'T
--!

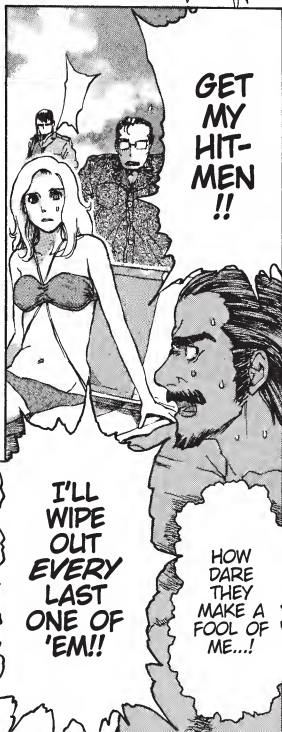
BUT
YOU'RE
JUST A
DOUB-
BLE!



LET
GO
OF
ME!!

HE'S
CLEARLY
HAVING
SOME...
ISSUES.

GET THIS
GUY OUT
OF HERE,
PRONTO.



GET
MY
HIT-
MEN
!!

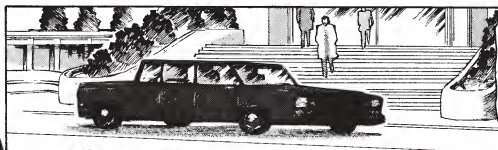
I'LL
WIPE
OUT
EVERY
LAST
ONE OF
'EM!!

HOW
DARE
THEY
MAKE A
FOOL OF
ME...!

IT'S
LIKE I'VE
BEEN
REBORN.

AHHH,
I FEEL
SO
ALIVE.

FROM
NOW
ON...

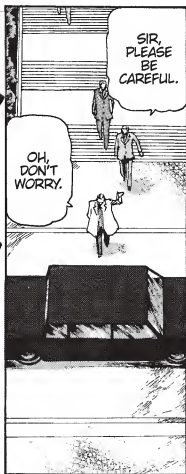


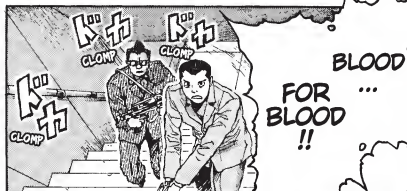
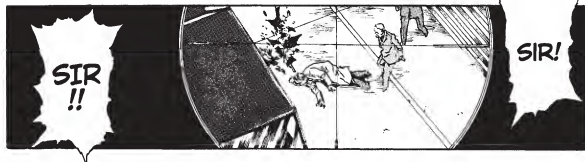
I'LL BE A
BETTER
MAN, USE
MY CASH
TO HELP
PEOPLE...



SIR,
PLEASE
BE
CAREFUL.

OH,
DON'T
WORRY.

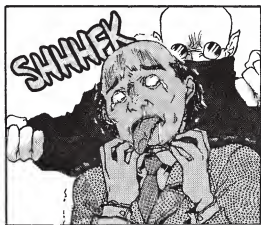




I'M
THE
REAL--

STOP!





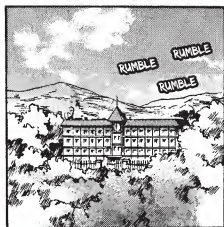
**WIPE
OUT THE
PRESI-
DENT'S
ENTIRE
FACTION!!**

**THIS
MEANS
WAR!**

**IT'S A
BLIND
SLAUGHTER!**

**DANVER-
SAN, THE
EXECUTIVES
ARE ALL
BEING
MOWED
DOWN!!**







THEN
HAVE THE
DOCTOR
BUILD ME
ANOTHER
DOUBLE.

AND
EVERYONE
WHO
FOLLOWED
THAT
FAKE.

KILL
THE
EXECU-
TIVES...



YOU'RE
AWAKE
?!

SIR!

GET
THE...
TROOPS
READY.

USING
THE
BODIES
OF THE
DEAD EX-
ECUTIVES
FOR PARTS?!

SO,
I'LL BE
MAKING
ANOTHER
COPY
FOR THE
PRESI-
DENT?

LET'S
SEE-
EEEE.

TAK

TAK



YES,
SIR!
RIGHT
AWAY!!

BUT,
SIR,
THAT'S
--!

DO
IT
NOW
!!

WHK

WELL,
I'M CURRENTLY
SHORT ON MATEEEEE-
RIALS...

WHAT?
YOU WANT A
DOUBLE,
TOO?

OH,
DANVER-
SAN, YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT?

HELLO?

OH!
THE HITMEN
FROM THE
PRESIDENT'S
FACTION?
IN THAT
CASE, I'D
BE GLAD TO
DO IT...

ANOTHER
CLONE
OF THE
CLONED
BOY?!

I DON'T
KNOW
WHICH
WAY IS UP
ANYMOOO-
OORE!!

NOW THE
PRESIDENT
NEEDS
ANOTHER
CLONE TO
SUCCEED
HIM?!

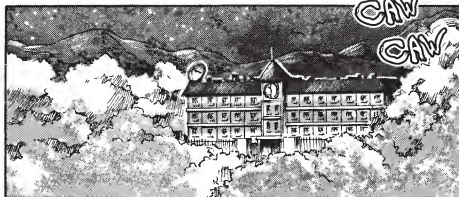
**WIPE
OUT
EVERY
LAST
BASTARD
!!**

**KILL
THEM
ALL!!**

**BANG
BANG**

**DON'T
LET
EVEN
ONE
GET
AWAY!!**





THE
SYNDICATE
GRAD-
UALLY
WEAK-
ENED.

OH, THE
WHOLE
MESS
WENT ON
FOR THREE
YEARS...

HOW'D
EVERY-
THING
TURN
OUT?

THAT
MOLTON
STUFF
REALLY
HAD YOU
HOPPING
FOR
A WHILE
THERE.



MUST'VE
BEEN
A PRETTY
SWEET
BIT OF
CHANGE.

WHAT'D
YOU
USE IT
FOR?



NOT
QUITE THE
OUTCOME
YOU
EXPECTED,
HUH?

YOU DID
MAKE
SURE TO
GET PAID,
RIGHT?

THEY
STARTED
GLITCHING
LEFT AND
RIGHT, UNTIL
THEY ALL
WOUND
UP IN AN
INSTITUTION.

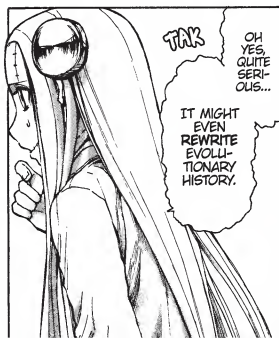
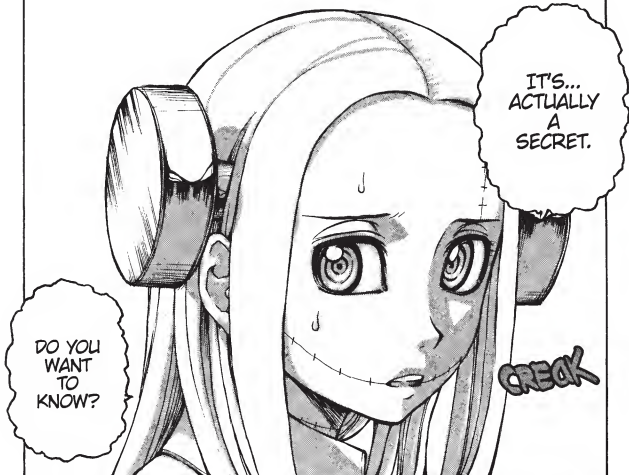
AND SINCE
I HAD TO USE
IMMUNO-
SUPPRESSANTS
TO PREVENT
REJECTION
RIGHT FROM
THE START...

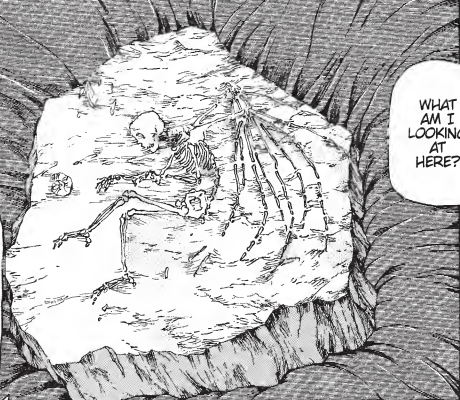
KILL KILL
... ..



Aha
ha
ha
ha
ha

WELL,
IT WAS
WORK.





SOMETHING
WITH NO PLACE
IN SCIENCE.
IT WAS
DISCOVERED IN
1924 IN THE
NETHERLANDS.
THEY CALL IT
THE "ANGEL
FOSSIL."

WHAT
AM I
LOOKING
AT
HERE?

I SERI-
OUSLY
CAN'T
BREAK IT
TO HER
THAT IT'S
OBVIOUSLY
A FAKE!!

CRAP,
I CAN'T
TELL
HER!!

I MEAN,
THE
IMPLI-
CATIONS
ARE
HUGE...

I'VE
DEVOTED
MY LIFE TO
SCIENCE,
SO I CAN'T
JUST
IGNORE
THIS...

CARBON
DATING
CONFIRMS
IT'S BCE.

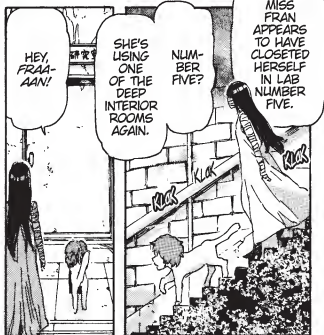
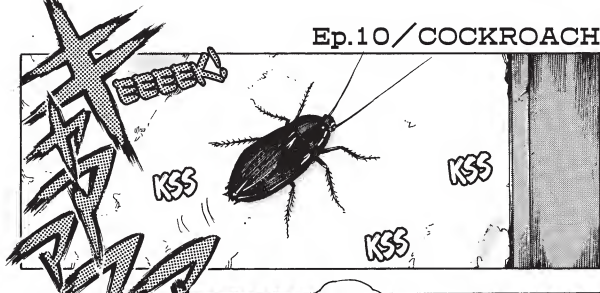
SUR-
PRISED,
AREN'T
YOU?

WHICH IS
WHY WE
SCIENTISTS
MUST
NEVER
STOP
EXPLORING.

THAT
IT
IS~!

THE
WORLD'S
FULL OF
CRAZY
STUFF,
RIGHT?

HEH,
WELL.

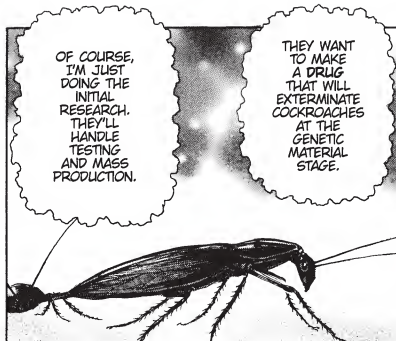


I'VE BEEN
TOTALLY
FOCUSED
ON MY
REEEEEE-
SEARCH.

HAVEN'T
SEEN
YOU
LATELY~!

GOOD-
NESS!
OKITA!
AND
ADOREA.

EEEEAAAAH!!



OF COURSE,
I'M JUST
DOING THE
INITIAL
RESEARCH.
THEY'LL
HANDLE
TESTING
AND MASS
PRODUCTION.

THEY WANT
TO MAKE
A DRUG
THAT WILL
EXTERMINATE
COCKROACHES
AT THE
GENETIC
MATERIAL
STAGE.



OH, YOU
SEE, I
WAS AP-
PROACHED
BY THIS PHARMA-
CEUTICALS
COMPANY.

THIS
IS RE-
SEARCH
?!

PANT

PANT



SO, I'M
SUPER-
EXCITED TO
FINALLY
GET A
RESEARCH
REQUEST.

YOU
CALL
THAT
HEAL-
ING?

LATELY,
IT SEEMS
LIKE
PEOPLE
JUST
COME TO
ME FOR
HEALING.

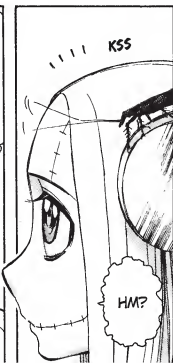
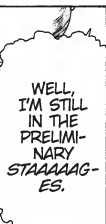
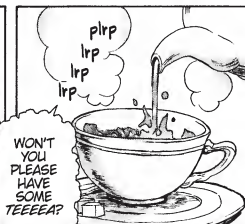
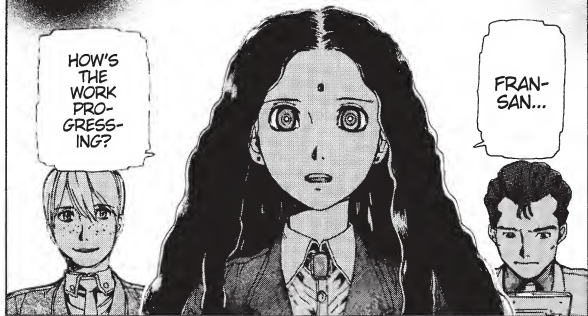


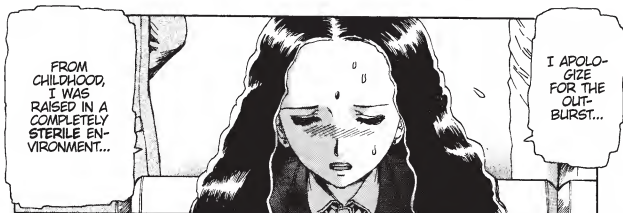
MISS
FRAN,
YOU
HAVE
GUESTS.

AS I
GOT TO
WORK,
I FOUND
ALL
KINDS OF
INTEREST-
ING--

bebebeep

HRRG...





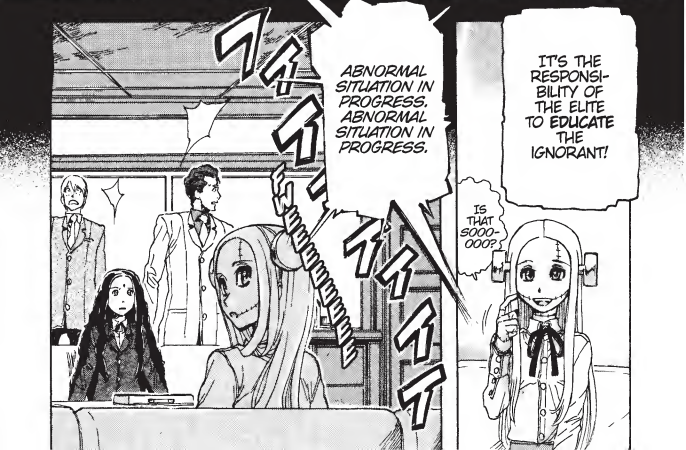


AND
SUCH
DREADFUL
HY-
GIENE...

SUCH A
SLOPPY,
DIS-
ORDERLY
WORLD.

THE
FOOLISH
MASSES,
LACKING
IN MORALS
AND
SKILLS.

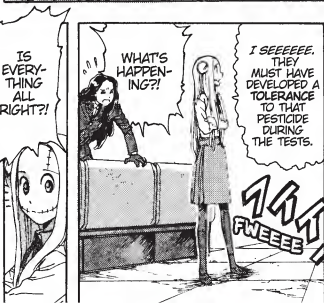
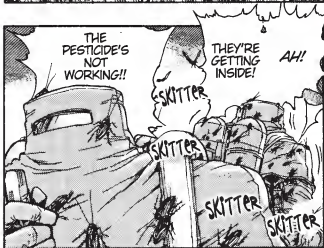
AND WHEN
I FINALLY
WENT OUT
INTO THE
WORLD,
I WAS
SHOCKED.



ABNORMAL
SITUATION
IN PROGRESS.
ABNORMAL
SITUATION
IN PROGRESS.

IT'S THE
RESPONSI-
BILITY OF
THE ELITE
TO EDUCATE
THE
IGNORANT!

IS
THAT
5000-
000?



TEST
SUBJECTS
APPEAR
APPEAR
TO HAVE
ESCAPED
FROM
LABORATORY
NUMBER
FIVE.

RELATED
PERSONNEL
WERE
QUICKLY
OVER-
WHELMED.



THIS
IS A
PRETTY
BAD
SITUA-
TION...

ACTU-
ALLY...

TRANS-
MISSION
WIRES
DESTROYED.

CONTACT
WITH THE
OUTSIDE
HAS BEEN
CUT OFF.

SPECI-
MENS
MOVE
WITH
UNANTICI-
PATED
SPEED.

THE
MANAGE-
MENT
OFFICE
HAS BEEN
COMPRO-
MISED.

ZRK

ZRK

ZRK

ZRK

ZRK

AAH
?!

THE
LABORA-
TORY IS
ISOLAT-
ED.

CRACKLE

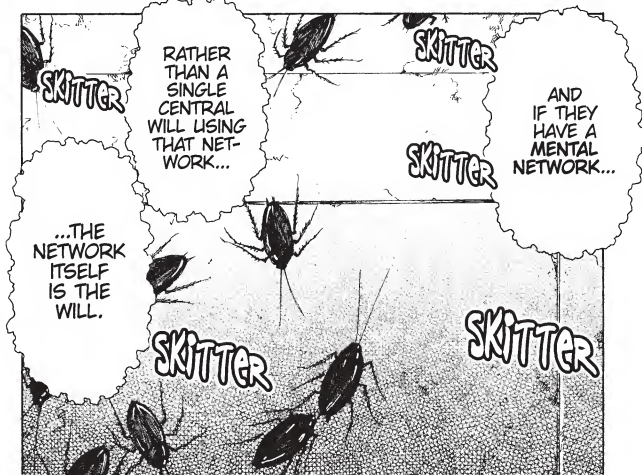
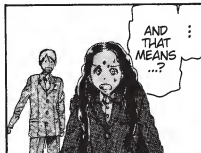
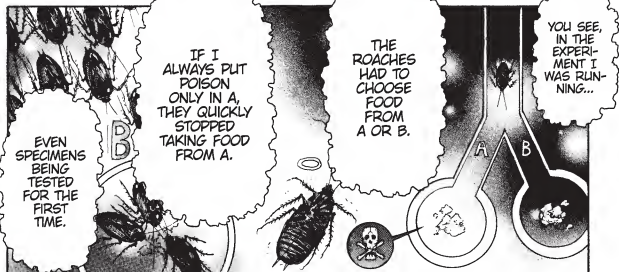
NO, I
THINK I
UNDER-
STAND...

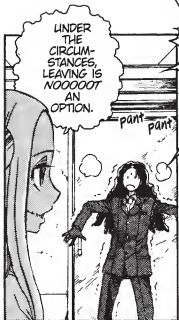
"CON-
TROL-
LING"
?!

THIS IS
REGU-
LATED
BEHAV-
IOR.

I SENSE
A SINGLE
WILL
CON-
TROLLING
THE
GROUP.

wobble





UNDER
THE
CIRCUM-
STANCES,
LEAVING IS
NOOOOOT
AN
OPTION.

pant
pant

EEAR-
RGH
--!!

K
R
E

SKITTER
SKITTER
SKITTER

SKITTER



OH...

WE'LL
JUST
BE
GOING.

THIS
HAS NO
IMPACT
ON OUR
WORK.

TAK
TAK

WELL,
THAT'S AN
EXCELLEES-
TION.



HOW
ARE YOU
GOING
TO FIX
THIS?!

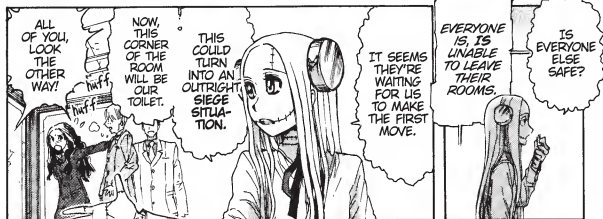
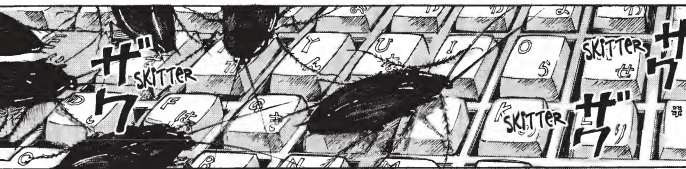


ALL
WE CAN
DO IS
WAIT FOR
THEM TO
TELL US
WHAT THEY
WANT.

ANY MOVE
I MAKE
NOW IS
DOOMED TO
FAILURE.

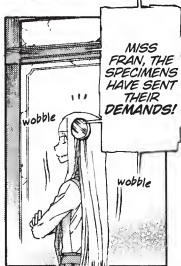
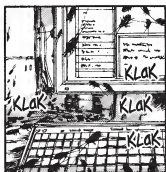
BUT WHETHER
IT'S AN EFFECT
OF REPEATING
THE EXPERIMENT
OR A SPIKE IN
EVOLUTIONARY
RESPONSE DUE
TO THE LARGE
CONCENTRATION
OF SPECIMENS...

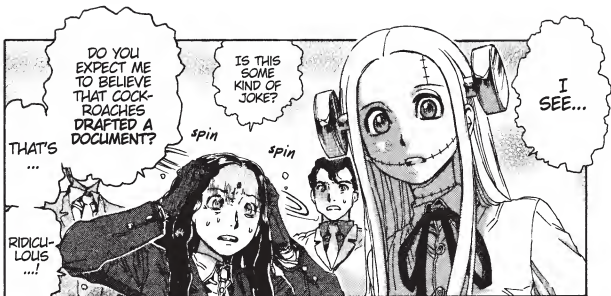




We seek the right to life,
and request the following
three conditions.

- Immediate suspension of atrocities
- Abolition of large-scale pesticides
- Handing over of war criminals





THAT'S
...

DO YOU
EXPECT ME
TO BELIEVE
THAT COCK-
ROACHES
DRAFTED A
DOCUMENT?

IS THIS
SOME
KIND OF
JOKE?

I
SEE...

RIDICU-
LOUS
....

spin

spin



WHY,
THIS IS
TANTA-
MOUNT
TO SUR-
RENDER
!!

YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
GOING TO
LISTEN TO
VERMIN?

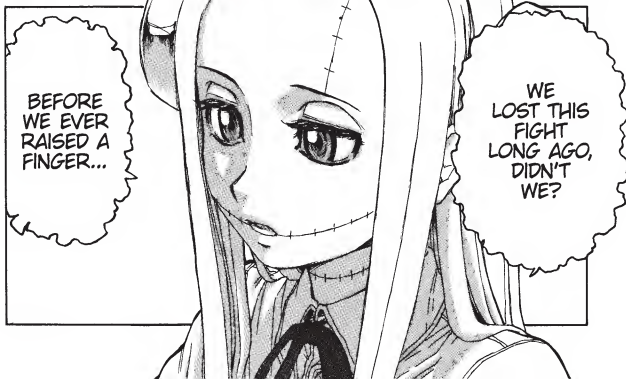
ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
CONSIDERING
THESE
CONDITIONS
?!



OSWALD,
ARE WE
STILL
CONNECT-
ED?

WELL, I
CAN ASK
OSWALD,
WHO DID
OUR
TRANSLAT-
ING.

OF
COURSE,
YES.



BEFORE
WE EVER
RAISED A
FINGER...

WE
LOST THIS
FIGHT
LONG AGO,
DIDN'T
WE?

- Who do you mean by "war criminals"?
- Those in the position of greatest responsibility for pesticide manufacture.■

GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY...

THEY MIGHT MEAN ME.

...IS WHO EXACTLY THEY MEAN BY "WAR CRIMINALS."

THE ONE THING THAT CONCERNS ME...

KLAK KLAK
KLAK

WHAT ...?!

WOULDN'T THAT BE THE COMPANY PRESIDENT ...?

- If we hand her over, what are your intentions?

KLAK KLAK KLAK

- Her body will serve as a nursery for new lives.

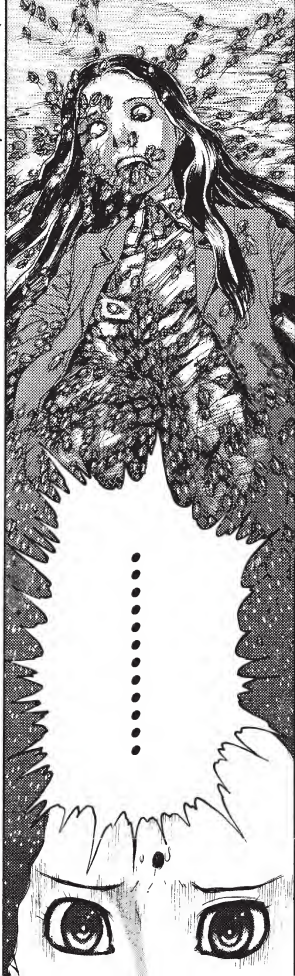
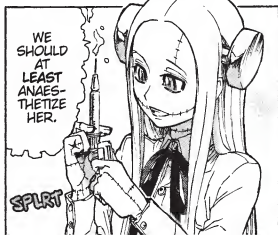
THAT MEANS BECOMING FOOD FOR THEIR YOUNG...

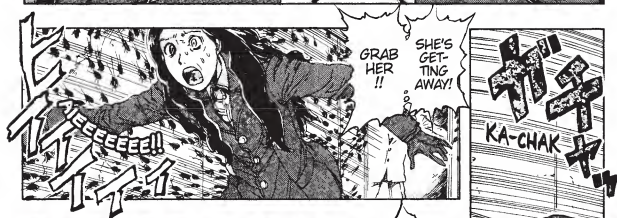
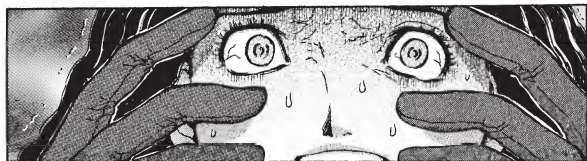
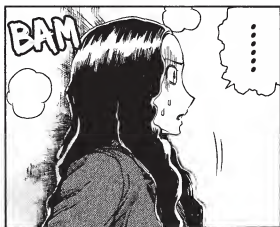
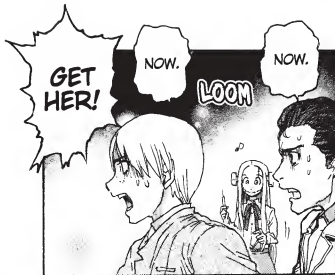
OHHH.

IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS PRESIDENT TO RESOLVE THIS, ISN'T IT?

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO MAKES ALL THE DECISIONS.

H-HOLD ON A MINUTE ...!

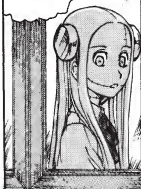






I WONDER
HOW FAR
THEY'LL
BE ABLE
TO GET...

NOW
THEN...



• The war
criminals have
fled. Secure
them at once.

• Understood.!

chak

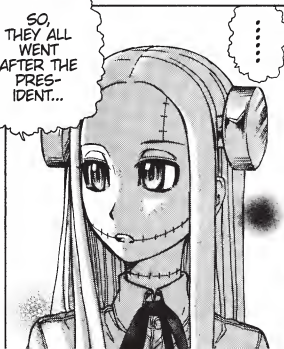


MS.
PRES-
IDENT!

NEVER!

STOP
!!

SO,
THEY ALL
WENT
AFTER THE
PRES-
IDENT...



.....



WE'VE
GOT
HER!

STOP!
DON'T
DO
THIS!

YOU AND
YOUR
SMUG
SUPERI-
ORITY!

IT'S
BUGGED
ME FOR
THE
LONGEST
TIME!

AH!

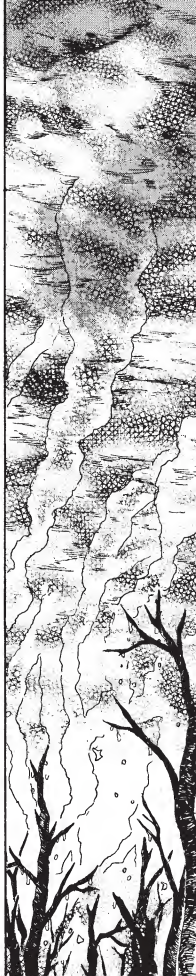
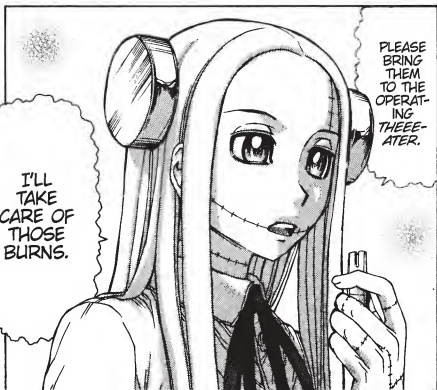
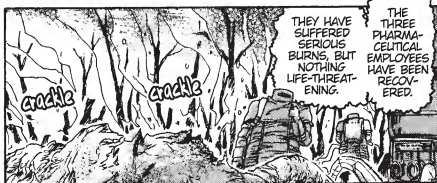
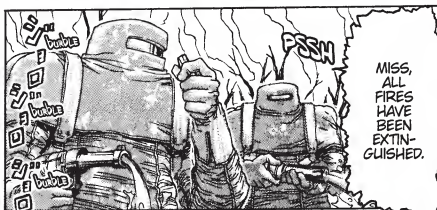
WHACK!

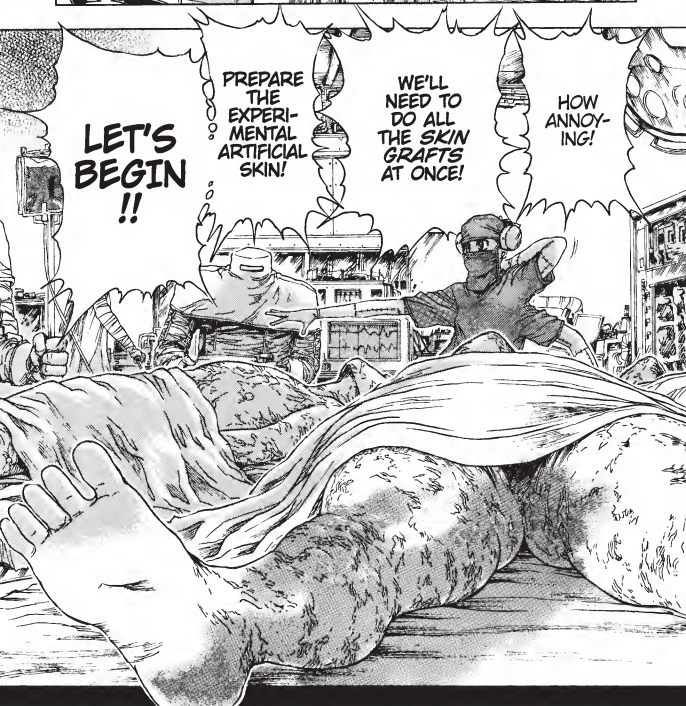


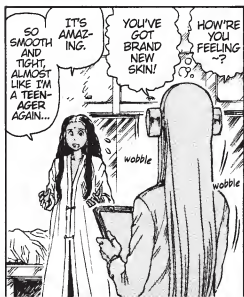
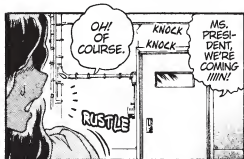
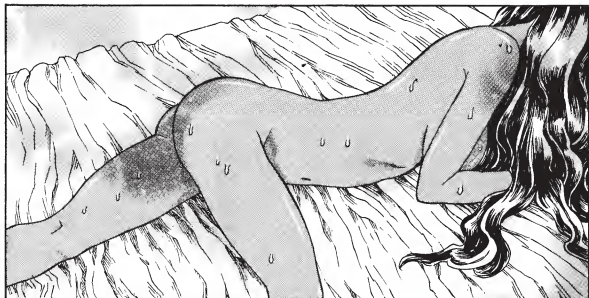
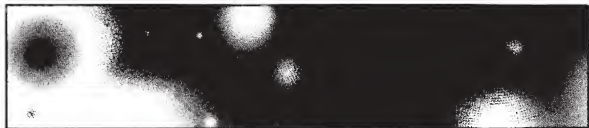
NOOOOOO!!

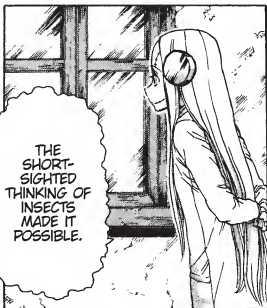




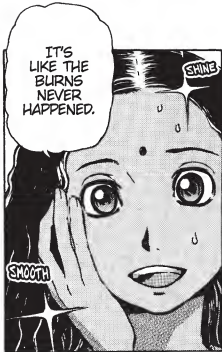








THE
SHORT-
SIGHTED
THINKING OF
INSECTS
MADE IT
POSSIBLE.



IT'S
LIKE THE
BURNS
NEVER
HAPPENED.

SHINE

SMOOTH

THE LAB'S
GOT AN
EXCELLENT
COUNTER-
ATTACK
SYSTEM.

FOR ALL
THEIR EVO-
LUTIONARY
ADVANTAGES,
THEY WERE
STILL NO
MATCH
FOR US.

ONCE
THEY
GOT
OUT OF
THE
LAB...



PARDON
...?

BESIDES,
THIS
STRATEGY
HAD
OTHER ADVAN-
TAGES.

IT'S
SIMILAR TO NEU-
RONS.

DECREASE
THE
VOLUME,
AND YOU
LOSE
POWER AS
WELL.

A
NETWORK
IS
QUANTITY.

SO, YOU
GAMBLERD
WITH OUR
LIVES
TO LURE
THEM
OUT OF
THE LAB
...?!

MM,
WELL,

CHIT



...IS AN
IDEAL
MATERIAL
FOR
ARTIFICIAL
SKIN...

CELLULOSE
EXTRACTED
FROM
COCKROACH
CHITIN...

MS.
PRESI-
DENT.

YOU
CAN'T
POSSIBLY
MEAN
--?!

YOU...

THOSE
GRAFTS
TOOK A LOT
OF WORK.
PLEASE
DON'T TEAR
OFF YOUR
SKIIIIIN.

Oooh.

OH
DEAR!
WHAT'S
WRONG?

HYA
HA
HA
HA
HA
SKITTER

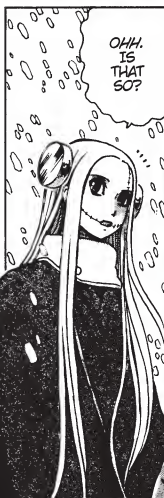
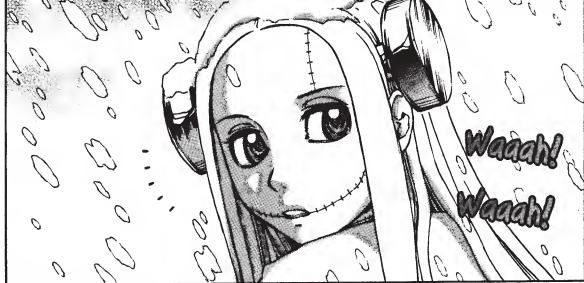
THEY BOTH
BURST OUT
LAUGHING,
AND SEEMED
QUINITE
DELIGHTED.

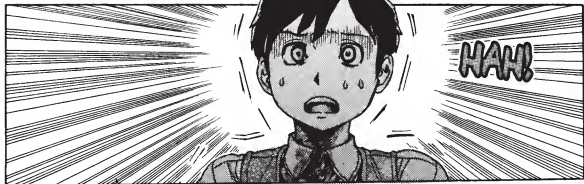
I TOLD
THE
OTHER
TWO THIS
FACT, YOU
KNOW.

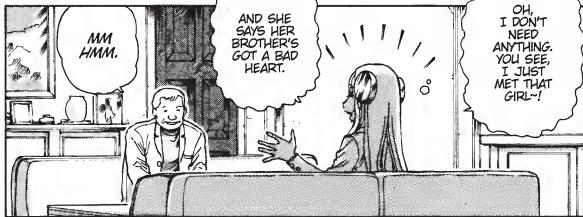
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE!
SKITTER
SKITTER
SKITTER



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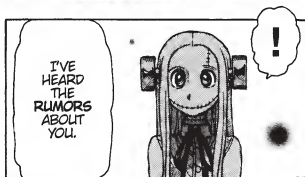




MM
HMM.

AND SHE
SAYS HER
BROTHER'S
GOT A BAD
HEART.

OH,
I DON'T
NEED
ANYTHING.
YOU SEE,
I JUST
MET THAT
GIRL~!



I'VE
HEARD
THE
RUMORS
ABOUT
YOU.

!



SO,
YOU'RE
HERE FOR
A GUINEA
PIG,
THEN?



THEY
ALSO SAY
YOU HAVE
POWERFUL
FRIENDS
IN POLITICS,
AND THE
POLICE
CAN'T TOUCH
YOU...

THEY
SAY YOU
PERFORM ALL
KINDS OF
HORRIFIC
PROCEDURES
ON THE
LIVING AND
DEAD.

I READ
ALL
ABOUT IT
HERE.

Well,
that's
awkward u

PLAYING
WITH
HUMAN
LIVES
LIKE
DOLLS
...!

BAM

YOU'RE
THE
ABSOLUTE
WORST
KIND OF
PERSON!

I JUST
HAPPEN
TO HAVE
A LOVELY
HOME-GROWN
HEART FOR
TRANS-
PLAAAAAANT.

LISTEN,
MAY I
PLEASE
SEE KAYA-
CHAN'S
BROTHER?

SO, YOU
SEE, HE
DOESN'T
NEED ANY
FREAK
SHOW EX-
PERIMENTAL
TRANS-
PLANTS!

AND
WE'VE
SET UP
A COLLEC-
TION TO
PAY FOR IT!

Every
little
bit
helps!

LOOK,
WE'LL BE
SENDING
KODAI-KUN
TO THE
UNITED
STATES FOR
HIS TRANS-
PLANT.

"HOME-
GROWN"?!
THAT'S A
HUMAN
EXPERIMENT,
RIGHT?!

WELL,
I SUP-
POSE
SO.

Oh,
this is
good

iiiiip

THIS
IS NO
PLACE
FOR A
MONSTER
LIKE
YOU!!

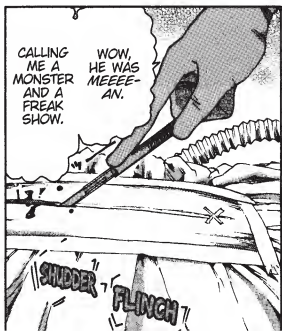
GET
OUT
OF
HERE
!!

THAT'S
NONE OF
YOUR
BUSINESS!

WHERE
IS THIS
HOSPITAL
THAT'S
PERFORMING
THE TRANS-
PLAAAAAANT?



ALL I
WANTED TO
DO WAS
HELP THAT
POOR,
SICK BOY.



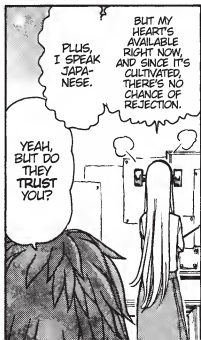
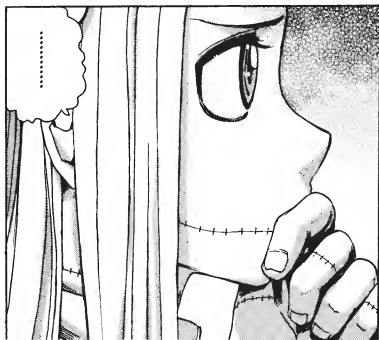
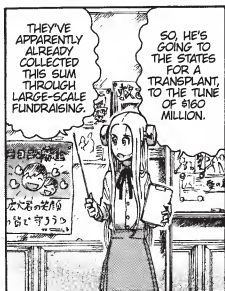
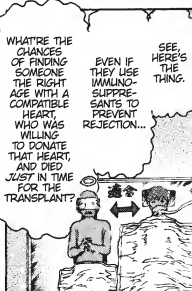
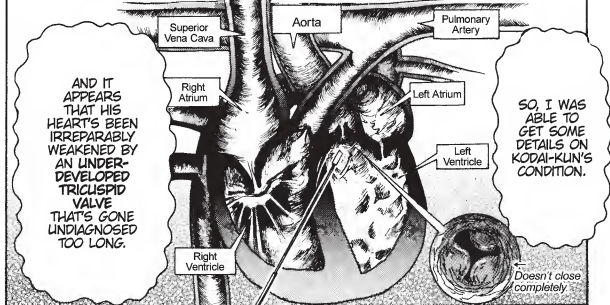
CALLING
ME A
MONSTER
AND A
FREAK
SHOW.

WOW,
HE WAS
MEEEE-
AN.

WASN'T
HE JUST
THE
WOOO-
OORST?

CAN YOU
BELIEVE
THE WAY
HE TALKED
TO ME,
OKITA?

OH MY...
UH, IS
THAT MY
PHONE?



THE
CHIEF
SUR-
GEON
IS DR.
JEDRAL
SCOTT.

IT'S
MARINE
UNIVER-
SITY
HOSPITAL.

I FOUND
OUT
WHERE
THE
TRANS-
PLANT'S
TAKING
PLACE.

WHAT'S
UP
FRAN?

MM
HMM.
I UNDER-
STAND.
THANKS.

RIGHT...
OKAY.



IT'S FRUS-
TRATING, BUT
THAT SEEMS
TO BE THE
BEST OPTION
FOR THE BOY
RIGHT NOW.



HE'S A
VETERAN,
WITH MORE
THAN FOUR
HUNDRED
TRANSPLANTS
UNDER HIS
BELT.

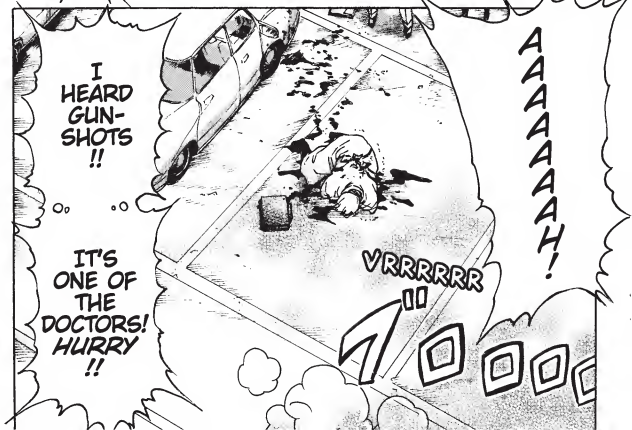
CREAK

SO
THEN,
THERE'S
NOTHING
FOR YOU
TO DO?

WEEE-
EEELL.

THEN IT
LOOKS
LIKE
HE'S IN
GOOD
HANDS.

IF
EVERY-
THING'S
ALL AR-
RANGED...



A CAR-JACKER
...?!

JEDRAL'S
BEEN
SHOT
?!

WHAT'S
HIS
CON-
DITION
?!

SO THE
TRANS-
PLANT
HAS TO
BE DONE
NOW.

THE
ORGAN
WON'T
LAST
VERY
LONG.

THEY
WOULDN'T
HAVE
SHIPPED
THE BOY
TO THE
HOSPITAL IF
THEY HADN'T
FOUND A
DONOR
HEART.

!!

NOT
AN
OP-
TION.

SO, IS
THE
TRANS-
PLANT
POST-
PONED?

THAT'S
PRETTY
SERI-
OUS.

WELL,
HE'S
STILL
ALIVE,
AT
LEAST.

I SEE...
TOTAL
BED
REST...

I WON'T
LET
THAT
HAPPEN
!!

!! FLAP
ハッ
!!

I'M SURE
THERE'S
NOT
ANOTHER
HEART
SURGEON
SPECIALIST
AT THAT
HOSPITAL.

BUT
WHO
--?!

THEY'LL
HAVE TO
SETTLE FOR
SOMEONE
WHO'S NOT
QUALIFIED
OR EXPERI-
ENCED!!

WHERE'S THE BOY WAITING FOR A HEART TRANSPLANT?!

OUT OF THE WAY!

vweeeeen

klatter

klatter

HEART!

WHERE'S THE BOY WAITING FOR A HEART TRANSPLANT?!

OUT OF THE WAY!

vweeeeen

klatter

klatter

HEART!

WHERE'S THE BOY WAITING FOR A HEART TRANSPLANT?!

OUT OF THE WAY!

vweeeeen

klatter

klatter

HEART!

HAND THE PATIENT OVER!!

JEDRAL CANNOT PERFORM THE OPERATION!!

DI-REC-TOR!

JEDRAL CANNOT PERFORM THE OPERATION!!

HAND THE PATIENT OVER!!

DI-REC-TOR!

JEDRAL CANNOT PERFORM THE OPERATION!!

HAND THE PATIENT OVER!!

DI-REC-TOR!

IS THIS A RAID ?!

plak

plak

WHAT ON EARTH ...?

plak

IS THIS A RAID ?!

plak

plak

WHAT ON EARTH ...?

plak

IS THIS A RAID ?!

plak

plak

WHAT ON EARTH ...?

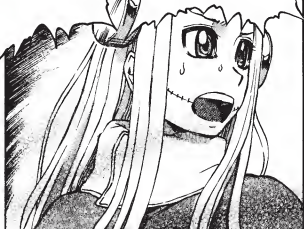
plak

IF
JEDRAL
DOESN'T
DO IT,
THE BOY
WILL
DIE!!

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
IDEA WHAT
A DELICATE
PROCEDURE
A HEART
TRANSPLANT
IS?!

THE
SURGERY
WILL
PROCEED
AS
SCHED-
ULED!!

I
THOUGHT
YOU'D
PULL A
STUNT
LIKE
THIS!



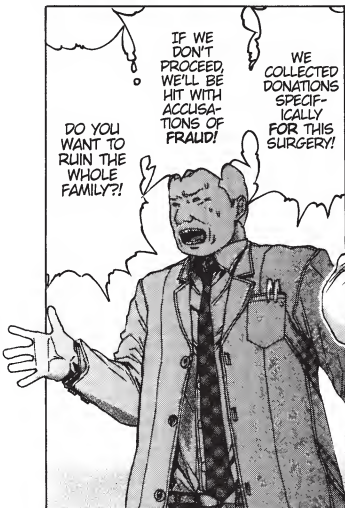
HE'LL BE
SENT
TO THE
STATES
FROM
THERE!!

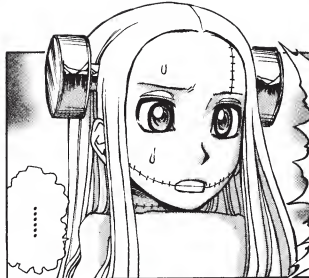
WE'VE
MOVED
THE
PATIENT
TO A
STAGING
AREA!!

IF WE
DON'T
PROCEED,
WE'LL BE
HIT WITH
ACCU-SA-
TIONS OF
FRAUD!

WE
COLLECTED
DONATIONS
SPECIF-
ICALLY
FOR THIS
SURGERY!

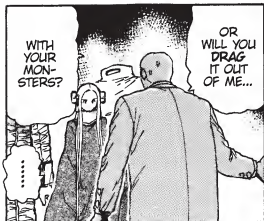
DO YOU
WANT TO
RUIN THE
WHOLE
FAMILY?!





THEY'LL
ALL SUFFER,
EVEN YOUR
PRECIOUS
KAYA-
CHAN!!

IF WE
LOSE THIS
FUNDING,
THE FAMILY
WILL HAVE TO
SHOULDER
THE COSTS!



WITH
YOUR
MON-
STERS?

OR
WILL YOU
DRAG
IT OUT
OF ME...

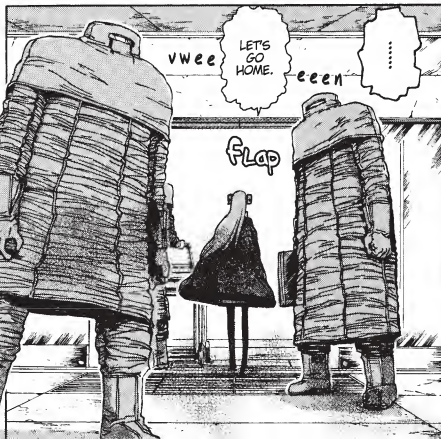


I'LL DIE
BEFORE
I TELL
YOU...



WHAT
HOSPITAL
DID YOU
MOVE
HIM TO?

I'LL
ASK
ONE
MORE
TIME.



vwee

LET'S
GO
HOME.

eeen

Flap

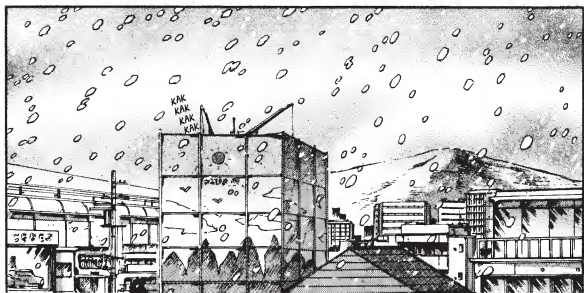
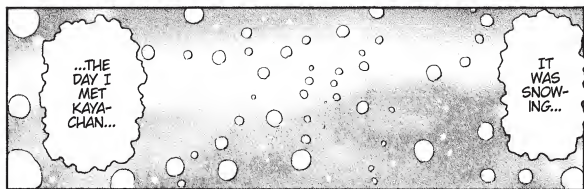
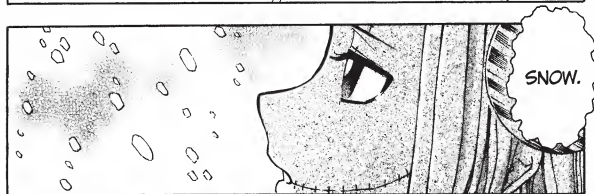
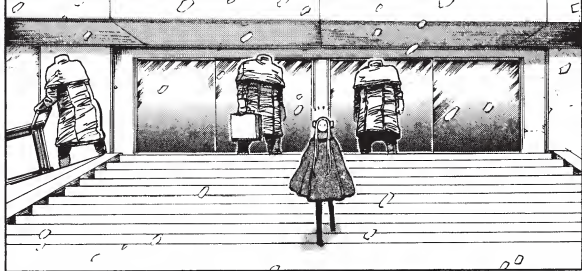


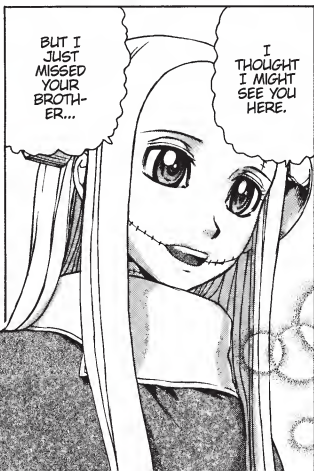
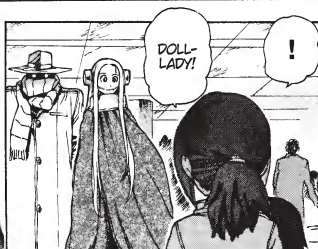
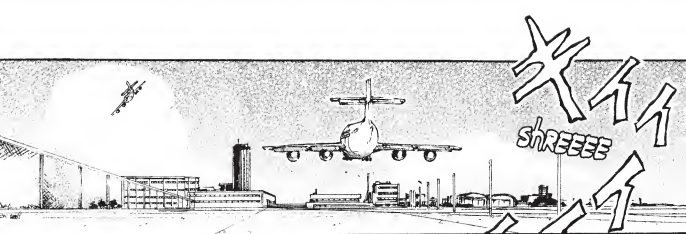
MISS...

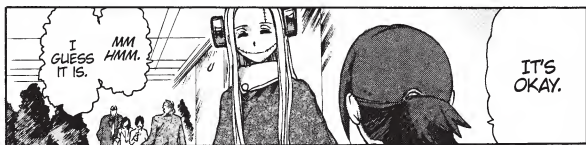
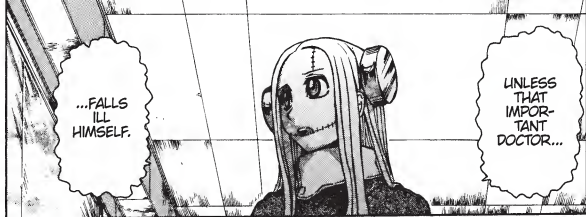
Gurrrrrr...
crack

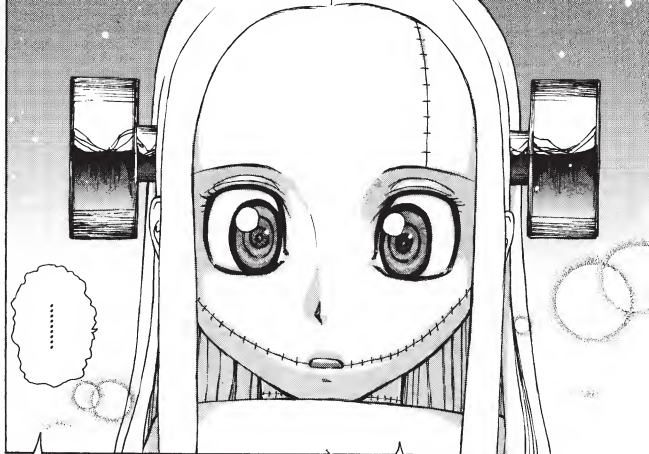
NO!

KLK
KLK
KLK









IIIIIS
THAT
SOOOO
!!

chatter
whisper



HA HA
HA HA
HA!
IS THAT
SO?!

snicker
snicker

...

DOLL-
LADY?

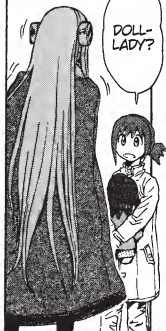
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オ
KRRRR

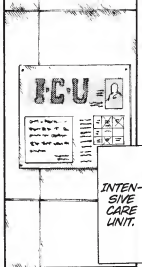
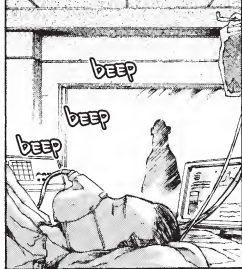


SET
UP A
CHARTER
FLIGHT!
WE'RE
GOING TO
THE
STATES
TODAY!!

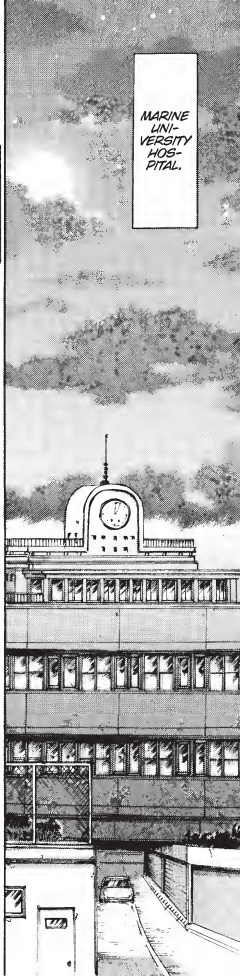
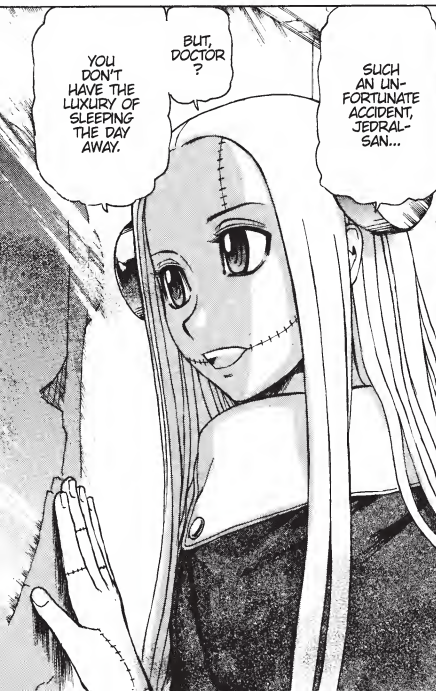
TAK

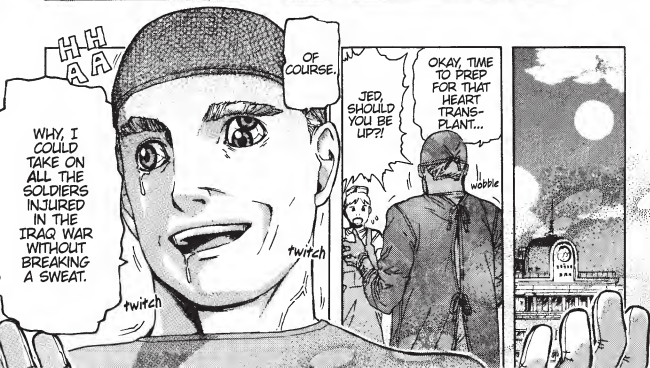
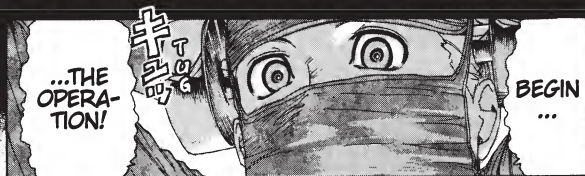
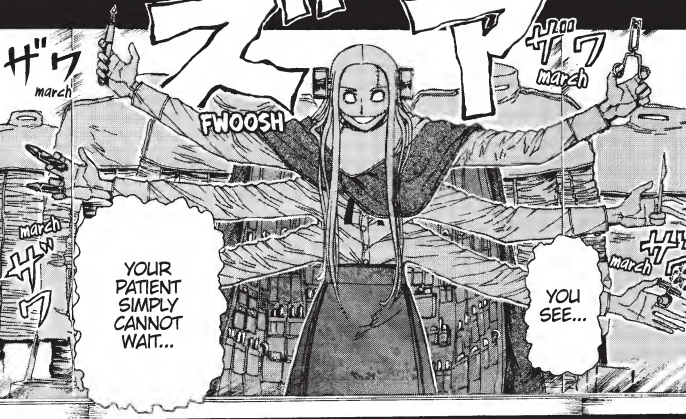
MISS
FRAN
...

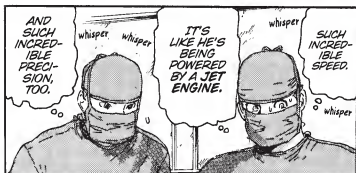


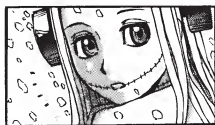


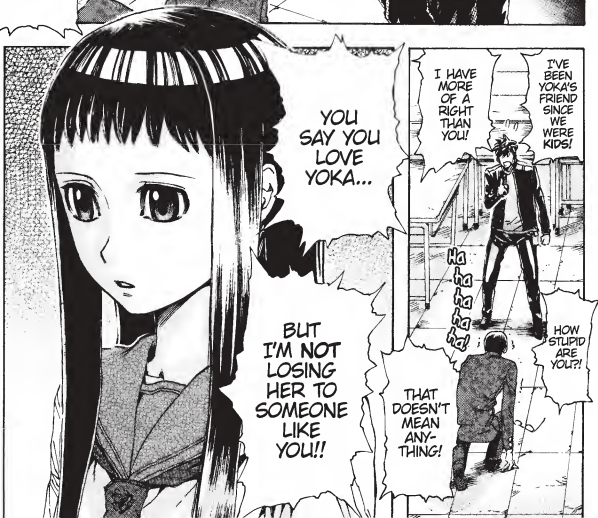
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UNIVERSITY
HOSPITAL.



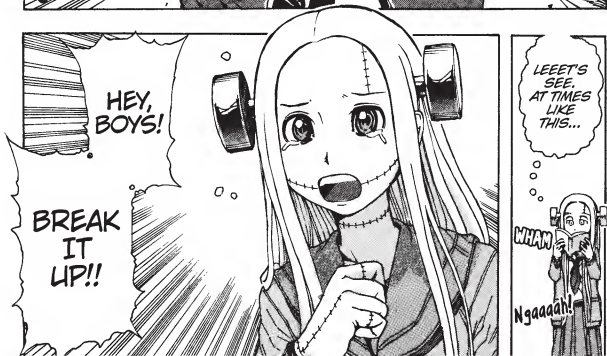
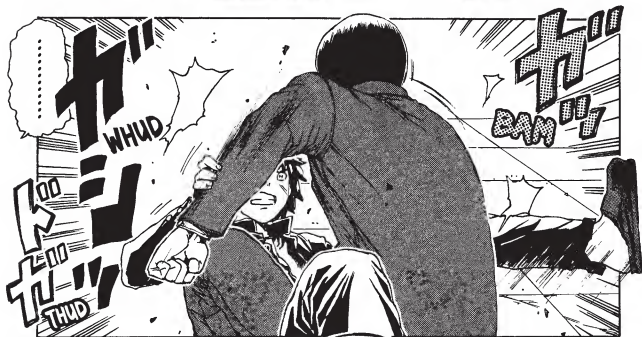
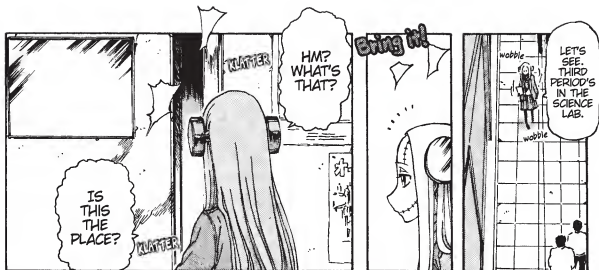


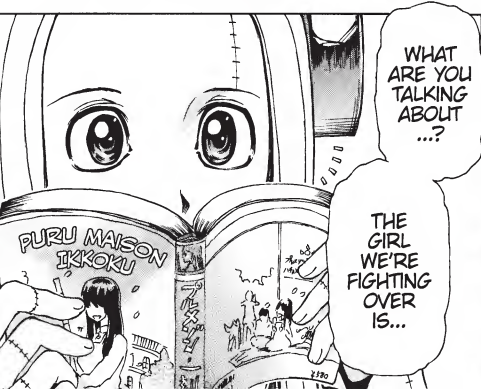
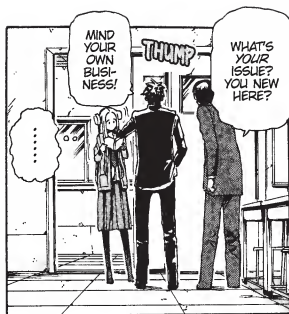








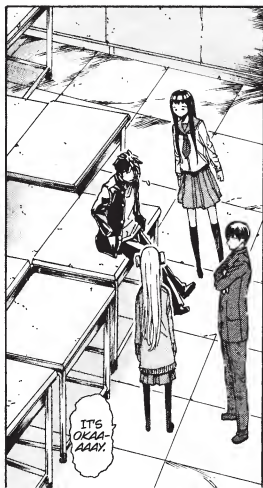




Izumiya Yoka

SORRY
YOU GOT
DRAGGED
INTO THIS
MESS.

FRAN-
CHAN?



Hattori
Tsubasa



Ito Kimimasa



SO WHEN
HE TOLD
ME HE
LIKED ME,
I WAS
SUPER
HAPPY.



ITO-SAN'S
IN THE SAME
CLUB AS ME,
AND I'VE
LOOKED
UP TO HIM
FOR A LONG
TIME...

SO WHEN
HE TOLD
ME HE LIKED
ME, I WAS
SURPRISED,
BUT SO
HAPPY.



HATTORI-
KUN'S LIVED
NEAR ME
SINCE WE
WERE KIDS.
WE ALWAYS
USED TO PLAY
TOGETHER.

I LIKE
THEM
BOTH!

I
CAN'T
DECIDE
....!!

BOTH
OF THEM
ARE SO
IMPOR-
TANT TO
ME...!

DUDE,
IT WAS
LIKE ONE
DAY
APART!!

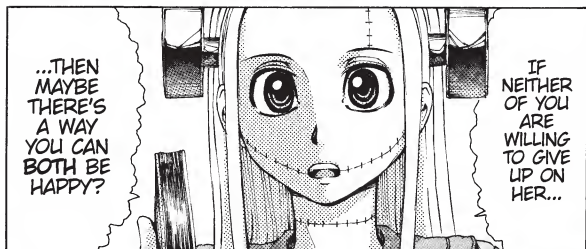
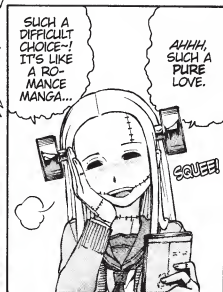
HEY,
I TOLD
HER I
LIKED HER
FIRST!

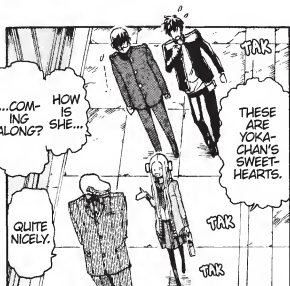
YANK

WHICH
ONE DID
YOU PICK,
YOKA-
CHAN?

SO
...?







...COM-
ING
ALONG?

HOW
IS
SHE...

THESE
ARE
YOKA-
CHAN'S
SWEET-
HEARTS.

QUITE
NICELY.

TAK

TAK



AND
YOUR
GUESTS
...?

WELCOME
HOME,
MISS
FRAN.



ONE
WEEK
LATER.

①
E
+

KAA-KOOM



?

?

YOU
REALLY
HAVE
TO
TAKE
YOUR
HAT
OFF
TO
HER!

SO, WAS
IT FOR
THEIR
SAKES,
THEN?

glance



YOU
CAN
SEE
HOW
SHE'S
DOING
FROM
HERE.

WE'RE AT
A TEENSY
BIT OF A
DELICATE
STAGE
RIGHT
NOW, SO
YOU CAN'T
GO INSIDE.

KAK

T

blurb



ハァハァハァ!!



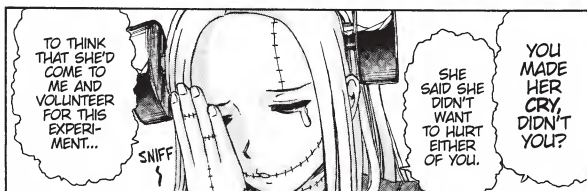


WELL,
WE'RE
STILL IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
EXPERI-
MEEEEEENT.

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

WHAT
THE
HELL
?!

TWO
YOKAS
!!



TO THINK
THAT SHE'D
COME TO
ME AND
VOLUNTEER
FOR THIS
EXPERI-
MENT...

SNIFF

SHE
SAID SHE
DIDN'T
WANT
TO HURT
EITHER
OF YOU.

YOU
MADE
HER
CRY,
DIDN'T
YOU?



I THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
ASK THAT,
SO I
VIDEOTAPED
THE ENTIRE
PROCESS.

SHALL
WE
WATCH IT
TOGETH-
ER?

SWITCH
ON.

WHAT
THE HELL
HAVE YOU
DONE
TO YOKA
?!

YOU
WANT
TO...
CLONE
ME?!

ONE
WEEK
EAR-
LIER.

I'VE BEEN
STUDYING
HOW TO
SPLIT ONE
PERSON
INTO TWO.



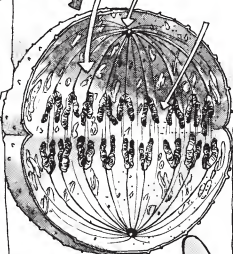
WELL,
NO,
NOT
EXACT-
LY.

THE
CHROMOSOMES
GATHER ALONG
THE EQUATOR
SURFACE AND
DUPLICATE, THEN
THEY COME APART,
AND THE CELL
IS SPLIT IN TWO
IDENTICAL PARTS,
PULLED UP AND
DOWN BY THE
SPINDLES.



YOU SEE,
THE BASIC
UNIT OF
A LIVING
CREATURE
IS THE
CELL.

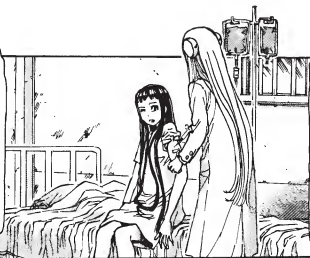
AFTER THAT,
EACH HALF
GROWS INTO
A COMPLETE
AND SEPARATE
NEW CELL,
A DUPLICATE
OF THE
ORIGINAL.



CELLS
MULTIPLY
BY A
PROCESS
CALLED
MITOSIS.

AND A
DOSE
OF
CALCI-
UM.

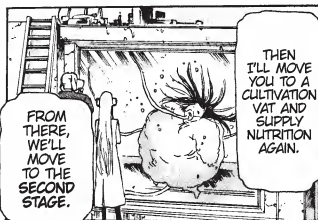
ALSO
LARGE
AMOUNTS
OF NUTRI-
ENTS.



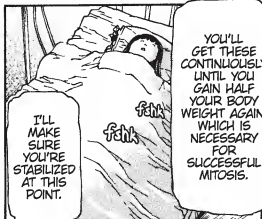
FIRST, I'LL
GIVE YOU
SEVERAL
IV DRIPS
OF A
GROWTH
SERUM.

FROM
THERE,
WE'LL
MOVE
TO THE
SECOND
STAGE.

THEN
I'LL MOVE
YOU TO A
CULTIVATION
VAT AND
SUPPLY
NUTRITION
AGAIN.

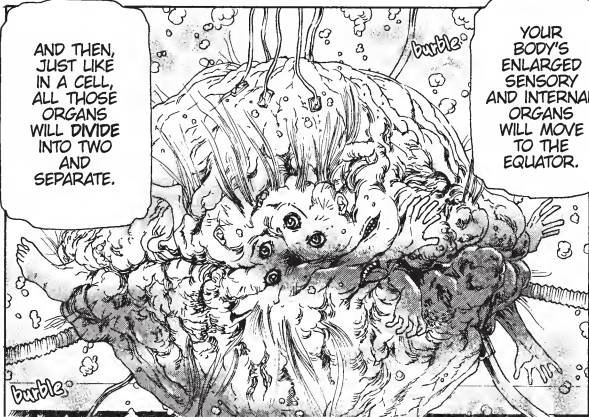


I'LL
MAKE
SURE
YOU'RE
STABILIZED
AT THIS
POINT.



YOU'LL
GET THESE
CONTINUOUSLY
UNTIL YOU
GAIN HALF
YOUR BODY
WEIGHT AGAIN,
WHICH IS
NECESSARY
FOR
SUCCESSFUL
MITOSIS.

AND THEN,
JUST LIKE
IN A CELL,
ALL THOSE
ORGANS
WILL DIVIDE
INTO TWO
AND
SEPARATE.



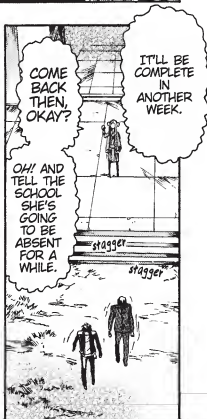
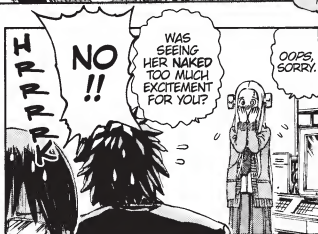
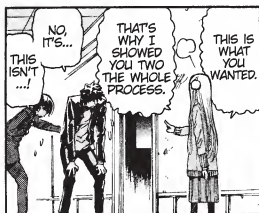
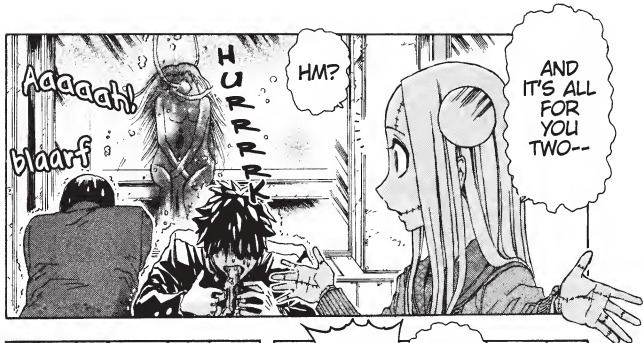
YOUR
BODY'S
ENLARGED
SENSORY
AND INTERNAL
ORGANS
WILL MOVE
TO THE
EQUATOR.



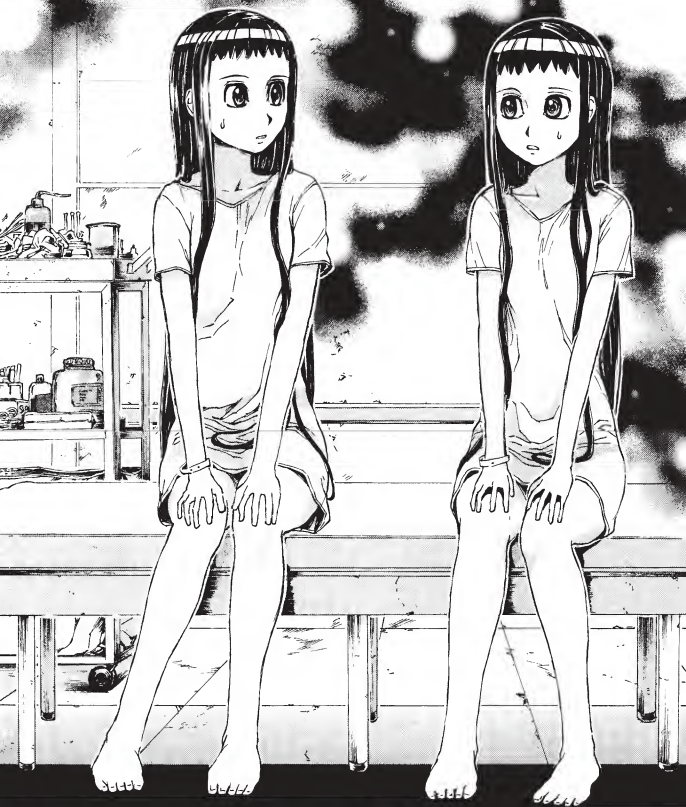
AFTER THAT,
SPINDLES
WILL PULL
THE HALVES
AWAY FROM
EACH OTHER,
AND YOUR
ENTIRE BODY
WILL SPLIT.

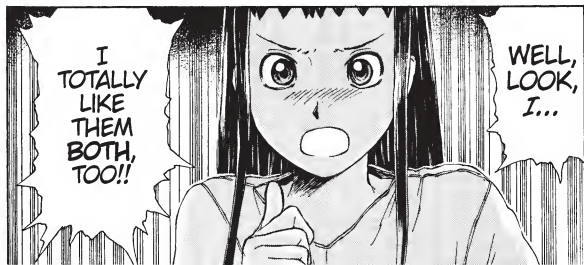
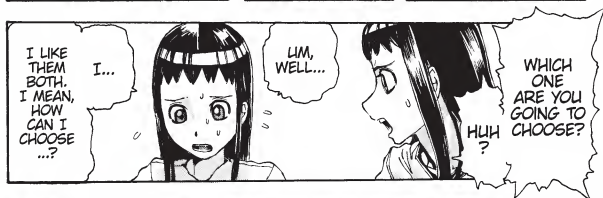
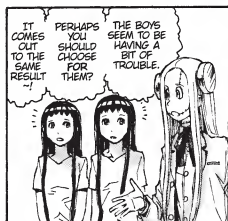
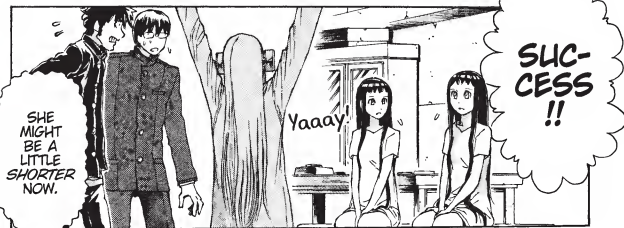
THE PROCESS
HAS GONE
SMOOTHLY.
IN TWO OR
THREE DAYS,
THE SEPAR-
ATION INTO
TWO IDENTICAL
PEOPLE
WILL BE
COMPLETE.

RRUUURRR



はTM TA-DA~! ん





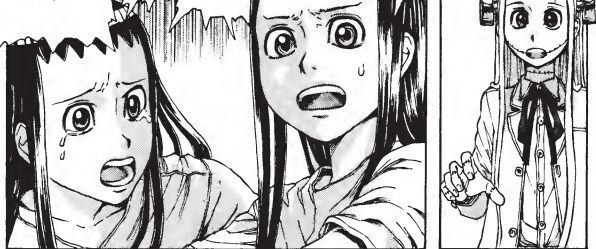
I JUST
DON'T
WANT
TO HURT
EITHER
OF THEM
....!

YOU
DON'T
GET
IT!

BUT THE
SETUP
WAS SO
PERFECT
....!

YOU
REALLY
BLEW
IT,
FRAN!!

BUT...
WAIT.



LOOKS
LIKE THE
PERSON-
ALITIES
DIDN'T
DUPLICATE
EVENLY.

AAAH!
STOP
IT!!

OH,
LISTEN
TO THE
GOODY
TWO-
SHOES!
LITTLE
MISS
PERFECT!

YOUR
FAULT
!!

THIS
IS
ALL...



STOP IT!!

DROP DEAD!

EEK!

YOU MADE THIS MESS!

YOU CREEPY PATCH-WORK DOLL!!

ME?! YOU WANT ME, RIGHT?!

WHICH ONE OF US DO YOU WANT?!

RIGHT! TSUBASA-KUN! KIMIMASA-KUN!

I THINK MAYBE THIS ISN'T GONNA WORK OUT.

HEARING YOU TALK LIKE THIS...

HOW CAN I PUT IT?

ABOUT THAT.

YEAH.



SLAP

THIS
IS ALL
YOUR
FAULT!

!!

IF YOU
HADN'T
SHOT OFF
YOUR
STUPID
MOUTH
....!!

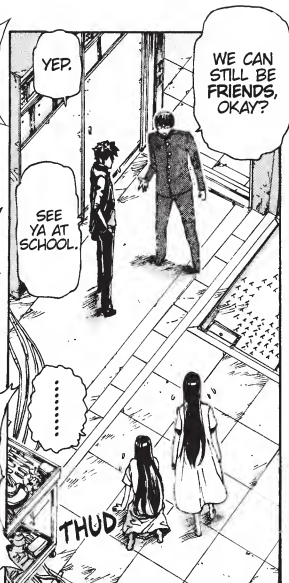
Grrah!

...



SHOVE

YEAH,
WELL
YOUR
FACE
MAKES
ME
SICK!!



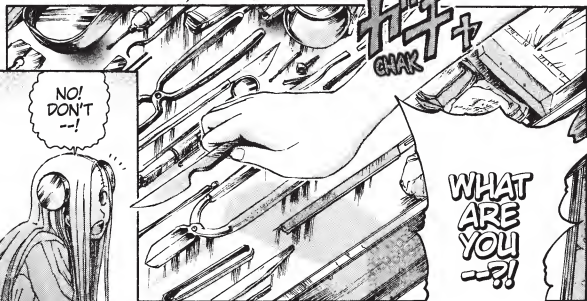
YEP.

WE CAN
STILL BE
FRIENDS,
OKAY?

SEE
YA AT
SCHOOL..

.....

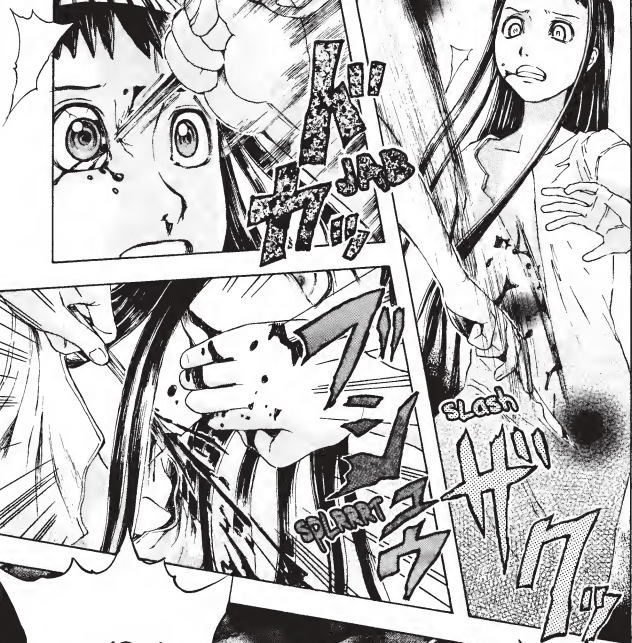
THUD

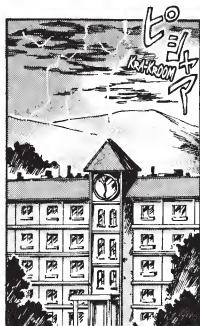
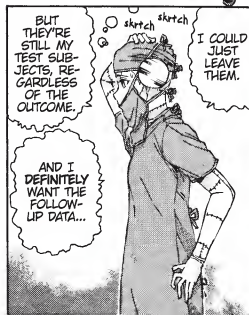


ガチガチ
GACH

NO!
DON'T
--!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
--?!





NOW,
LET'S JUST
HAVE
A LITTLE
FUN WITH
THIS ONE,
GUYS.

I'M
BEGINNING
THE
OPER-
AAAAAAA-
TION.

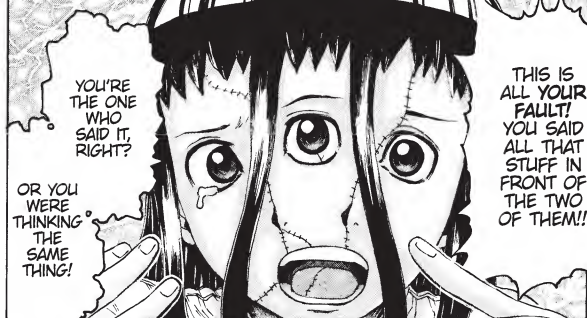
LET'S
SEE IF
WE CAN
GET ONE
BODY
OUT OF
THIS
MESS!!

GATHER
THE
USABLE
PARTS.

OKAY!

SO, THE
BRAIN
ON THIS
ONE'S
HALF
PULVER-
IZED...





YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
SAID IT,
RIGHT?

OR YOU
WERE
THINKING
THE
SAME
THING!

THIS IS
ALL YOUR
FAULT!
YOU SAID
ALL THAT
STUFF IN
FRONT OF
THE TWO
OF THEM!!



THIS
FROM THE
GIRL WHO
WAS GONNA
WALTZ
OFF WITH
TWO HOT
GUYS?!

SERI-
OUS-
LY?

KICK

Eeeek!

DON'T
LUMP
ME IN
WITH
YOU!

YOU'RE
SO
ANNOY-
ING!!

SLAP



THE
SEASONS
CHANGE,
AND YET
THE NOISE
REMAINS
THE SAAA-
AAME.

I WONDER
IF THE
DOCTOR
WILL COME
HOME
SOON...

sniffle...

Aaaaaah!

SLAP

SO,
EVEN IF
THE BODY
IS SPLIT,
THE MIND
CANNOT BE
DIVIDED,
HM?

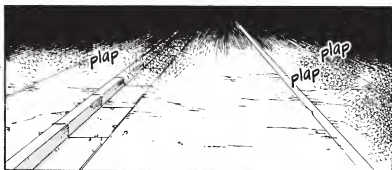
PURR

PURR

KICK

Eeeee!

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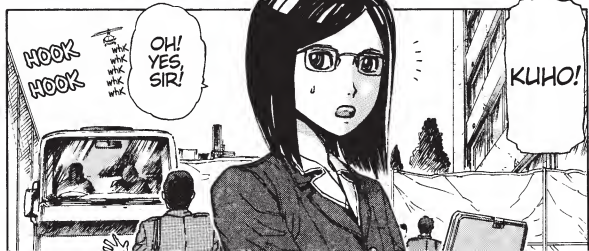


FOUND BY
A ROAD
MAINTENANCE
WORKER
AT DAWN.
HE SAID HE
STUMBLED
ACROSS
IT WHILE
HE WAS
CLEANING.

HER PARENTS
HAVE BEEN
CONCERNED
BY HER RECENT
STRANGE
BEHAVIOR.
THEN THIS
MORNING,
HER BODY WAS
DISCOVERED.

THE
VICTIM'S A
GIRL, AGE
SEVENTEEN.
NAME'S
IZUMIYA
YOKA.

THE BODY
WAS HACKED
WITH A
SHARP BLADE,
AND TORN
BY WHAT
APPEARS TO
BE *TEETH*.



HOOK
HOOK

OH!
YES,
SIR!

KLUHO!

IF ANY-
THING
HAPPENS,
WE'RE--

JUST
DON'T
PUSH
YOUR-
SELF.

YOU'RE
CAREER
TRACK.

SO,
THE
DELIRI-
UM'S--

NO,
NO,
I'M
FINE!

(See
Chapter 3.)

Ooh
hoo
hoo
hoo!

Ah
ha
ha
ha!

I'M
SORRY FOR
ALL THE
TROUBLE I
CAUSED!

I KNOW
YOU WERE
IN THE
HOSPITAL
FOR A BIT
THERE.

ARE
YOU
OKAY?

OH,
I'M
BETTER
NOW.

MY
HEAD
HURTS.

I NEED
TO TAKE
SOME-
THING.

THROB
THROB

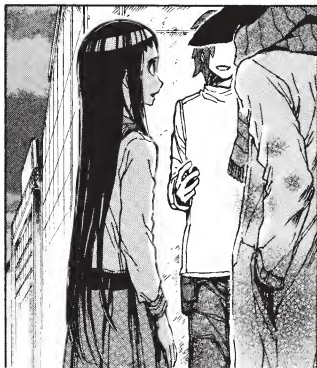
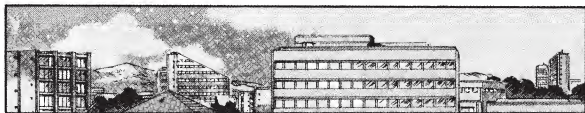
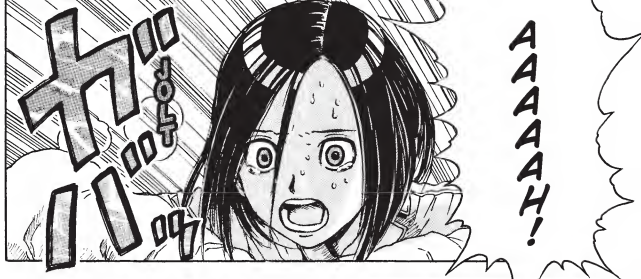
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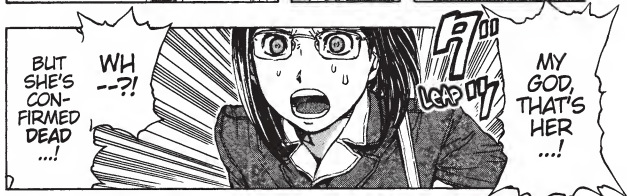
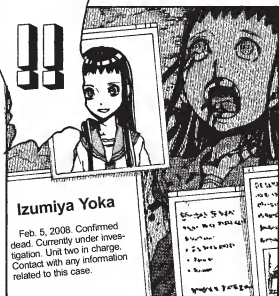
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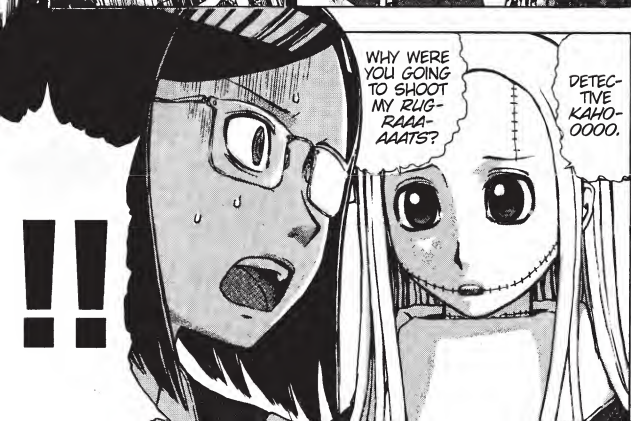
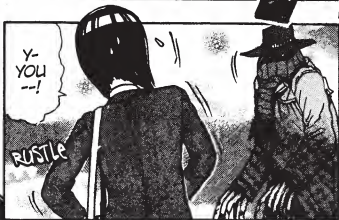
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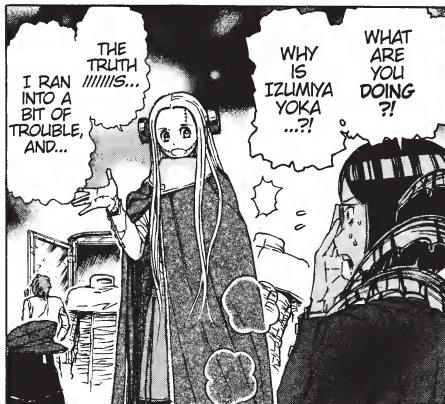
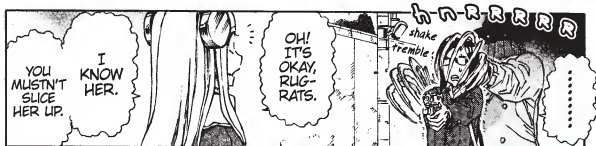














SHE MADE THE REQUEST ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO-00000.

YOU... SPLIT IZUMIYA YOKA INTO TWO PEOPLE?!

I'LL SPARE YOU THE TECHNICAL DETAILS.

"HUMAN DIVISION" ?!

SO, I PERFORMED A HUMAN DIVISION EXPERIMENT IN MY LAB.

SHE THOUGHT MAYBE THE ANSWER WAS TO BE SPLIT IN TWO.

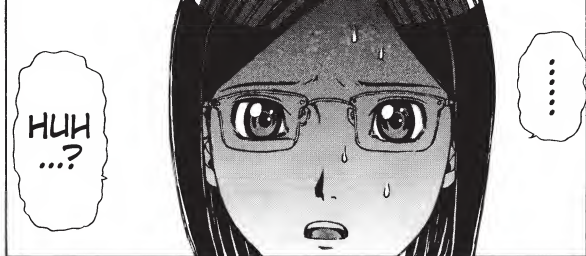
AT THE TIME, SHE COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DOOOOOO ABOUT A LOVE TRIANGLE.

totter

stagger

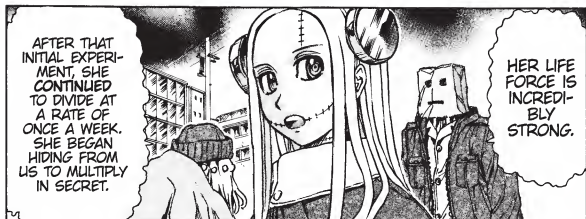
...

BUT THE RESULT WAS THE BIRTH OF TWO IZUMIYA YOKAS.



HUH
...?

.....



AFTER THAT
INITIAL EXPERI-
MENT, SHE
CONTINUED
TO DIVIDE AT
A RATE OF
ONCE A WEEK.
SHE BEGAN
HIDING FROM
US TO MULTIPLY
IN SECRET.

HER LIFE
FORCE IS
INCREDI-
BLY
STRONG.

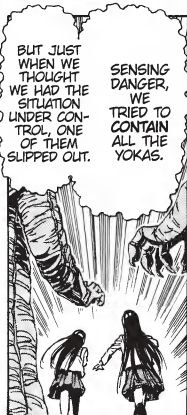


EXACTLY
HOW MANY
PEOPLE
HAVE YOU
MUR-
DERED
...?!

H-
HOLD
ON A
MINUTE
!!

SINCE THEN,
WE'VE BEEN
ABSOLUTELY
RUN RAGGED
TRYING TO
CAPTURE AND
DISPOSE OF
ALL OF HER.

WE
SIMPLY
CAN'T
KEEP
UP.



BUT JUST
WHEN WE
THOUGHT
WE HAD THE
SITUATION
UNDER CON-
TROL, ONE
OF THEM
SLIPPED OUT.

SENSING
DANGER,
WE
TRIED TO
CONTAIN
ALL THE
YOKAS.

WELL,
IF YOU
PUT IT
THAT
WAY...

MUR-
DERED?

YOU CAN
PRATTLE ON
ABOUT SCIENCE
ALL YOU WANT,
BUT THIS IS
UNFORGIVABLE!!

kachk

MADARAKI
FRAN...
YOU'RE
UNDER
ARREST!!

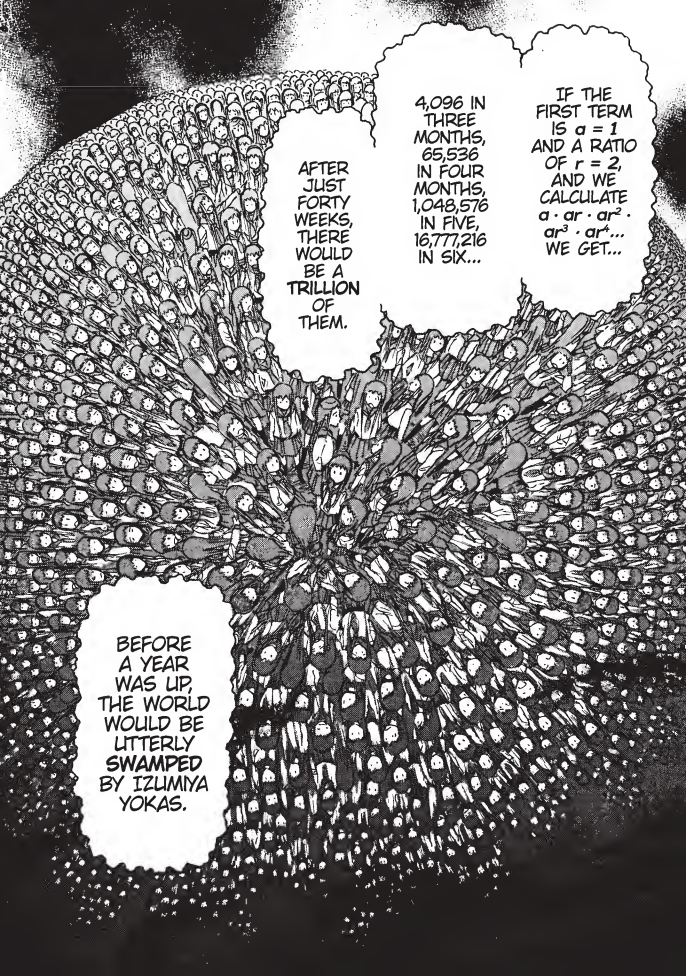
THE PRO-
GRESSION
IS TWO,
THEN FOUR,
THEN EIGHT,
SIXTEEN,
THIRTY-TWO.
THEY
INCREASE
EXPONEN-
TIALY.

JUST
THINK
ABOUT IT
FOR A
MINUTE...

WHAT?

EVERY-
ONE
DIES IN
THE END,
DON'T
THEY?

IS
THAT
SO?

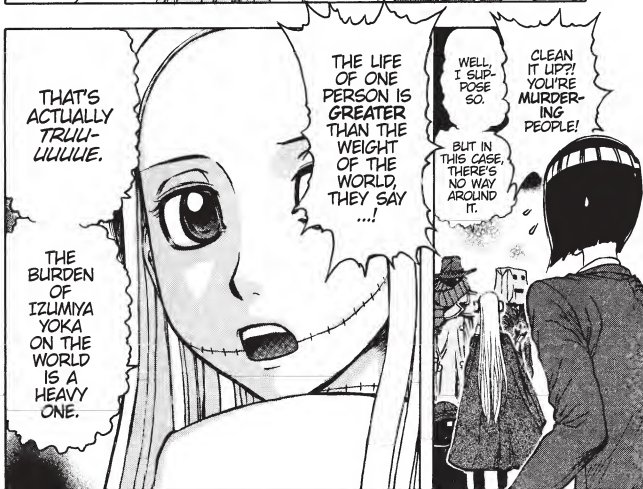
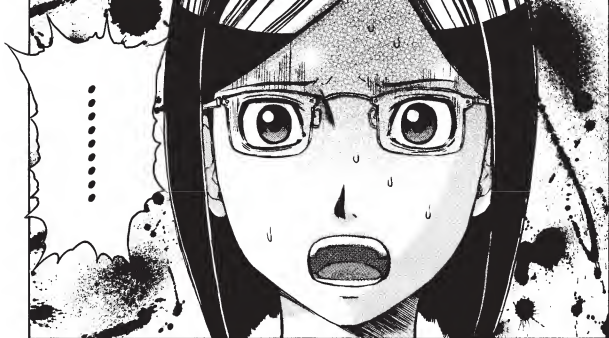


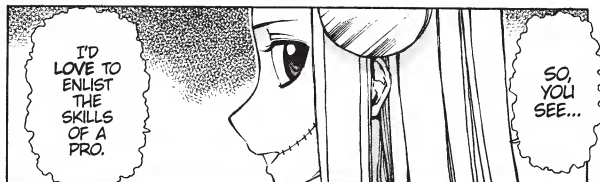
AFTER
JUST
FORTY
WEEKS,
THERE
WOULD
BE A
TRILLION
OF
THEM.

4,096 IN
THREE
MONTHS,
65,536
IN FOUR
MONTHS,
1,048,576
IN FIVE,
16,777,216
IN SIX...

IF THE
FIRST TERM
IS $a = 1$
AND A RATIO
OF $r = 2$,
AND WE
CALCULATE
 $a \cdot ar \cdot ar^2 \cdot$
 $ar^3 \cdot ar^4 \dots$
WE GET...

BEFORE
A YEAR
WAS UP,
THE WORLD
WOULD BE
LITTERLY
SWAMPED
BY IZUMIYA
YOKAS.







I'M
GIVING YOU
A SENSORY
ORGAN MODE-
LED AFTER
A MOTH'S
OLFAC-
TION.
IT'LL RE-
SPOND TO
A SPECIFIC
PHEROMONE
WITHIN A TEN-
KILOMETER
RANGE.

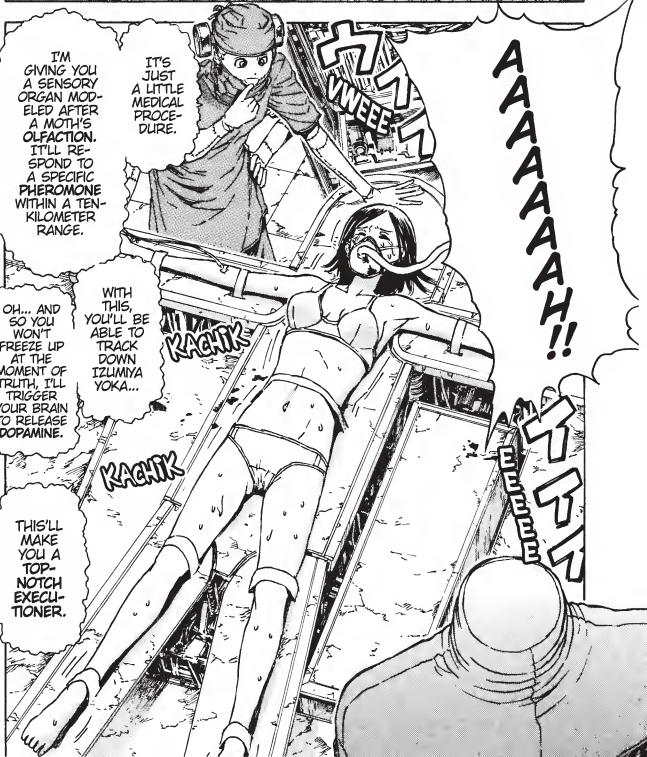
IT'S
JUST
A LITTLE
MEDICAL
PROCEDURE.

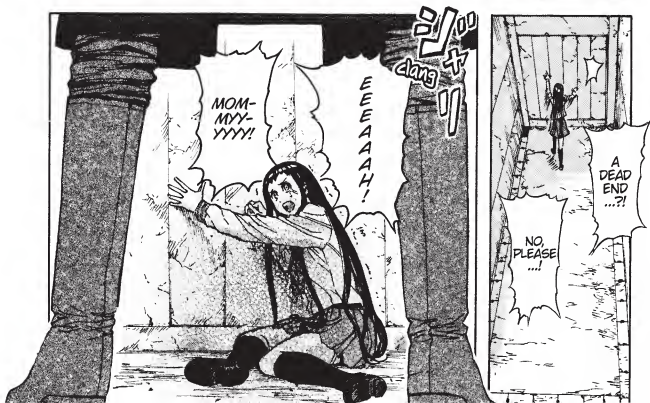
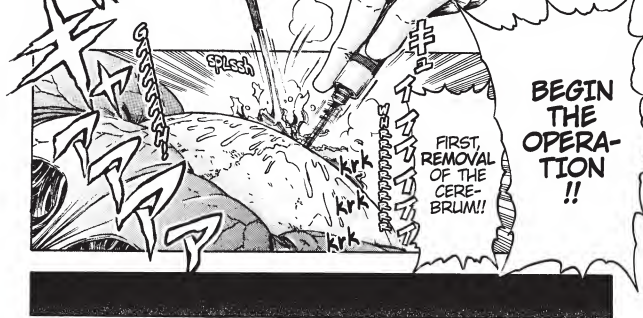
OH... AND
SO YOU
WON'T
FREEZE UP
AT THE
MOMENT OF
TRUTH. I'LL
TRIGGER
YOUR BRAIN
TO RELEASE
DOPAMINE.

WITH
THIS,
YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO
TRACK
DOWN
IZUMIYA
YOKA...

THIS'LL
MAKE
YOU A
TOP-
NOTCH
EXECU-
TIONER.

AAAAAAH!!



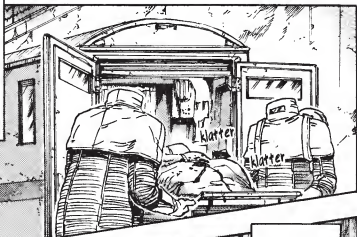




...TAKING
THE
BODIES
WITH
THEM.

THEY
MELTED
IN AND
OUT LIKE
SHAD-
OWS...

YRRRRR



WHEN THE
POLICE
LEARNED
OF THIS
GROUP, THEY
LAUNCHED A
DESPERATE
INVESTIGA-
TION.

BUT IT WAS
AS IF THE
MURDERERS
KNEW THEIR
EVERY MOVE,
AND WERE
PERPETUALLY
ONE STEP
AHEAD.

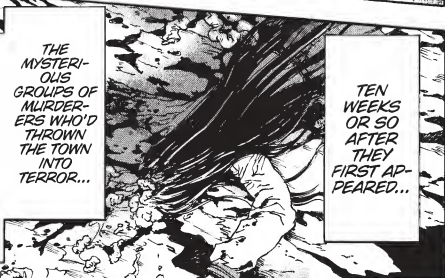


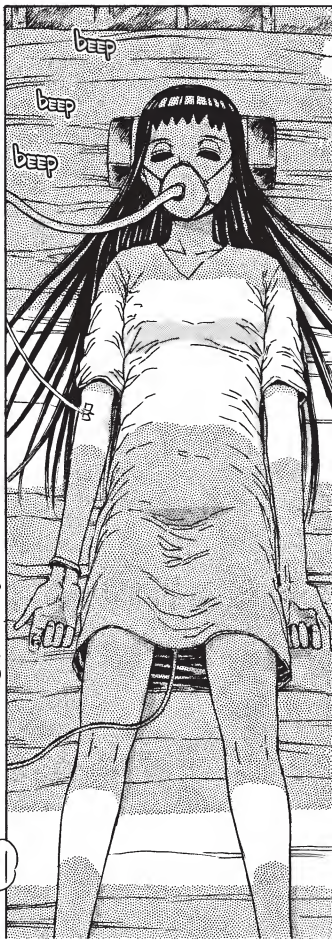
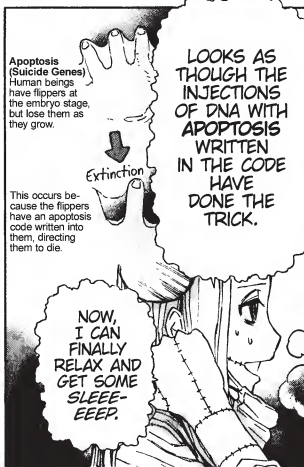
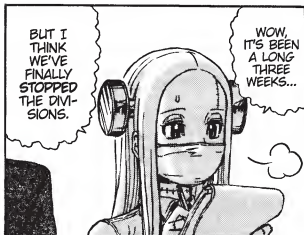
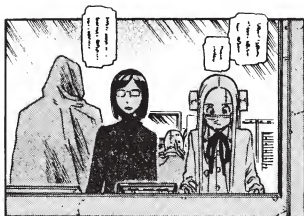
VANISHED
AS SILENT-
LY AND
SUDDENLY
AS THEY
HAD
APPEARED,
LEAVING
ONLY
FEAR
BEHIND...

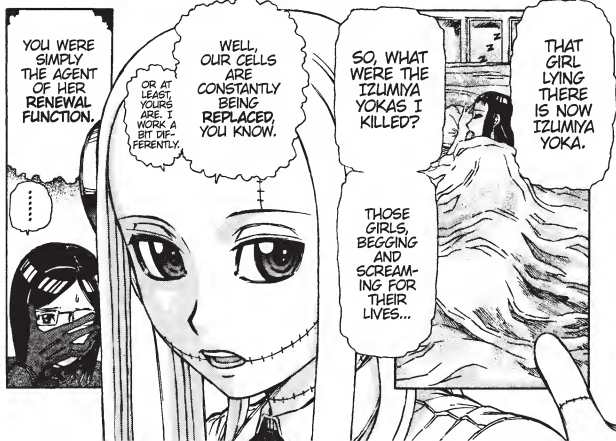
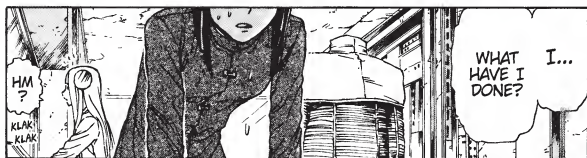
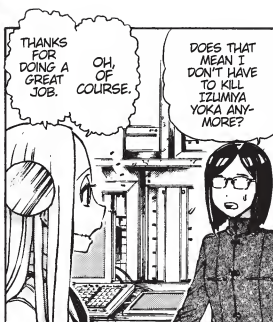
NEVER
TO BE
SEEN
AGAIN.

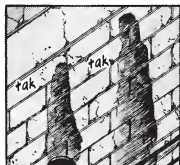
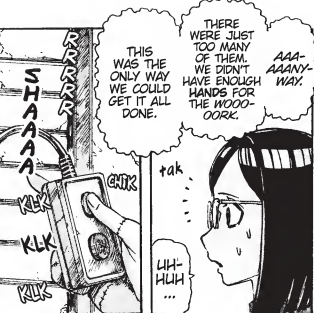
THE
MYSTERI-
OUS
GROUPS OF
MURDER-
ERS WHO'D
THROWN
THE TOWN
INTO
TERROR...

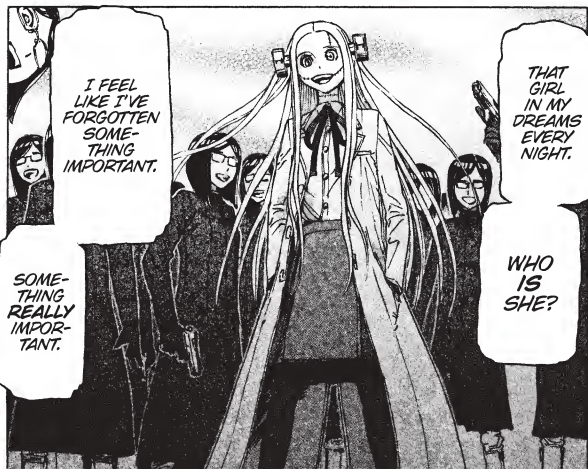
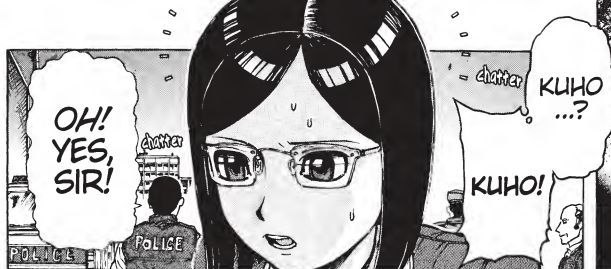
TEN
WEEKS
OR SO
AFTER
THEY
FIRST AP-
PEARED...

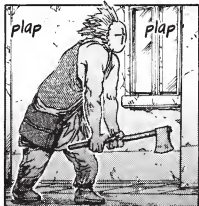
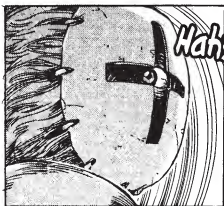


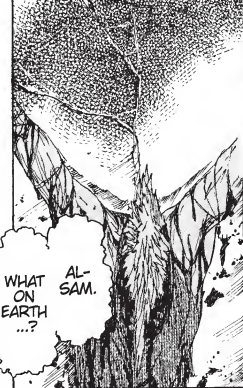






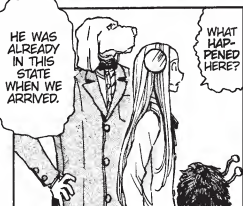






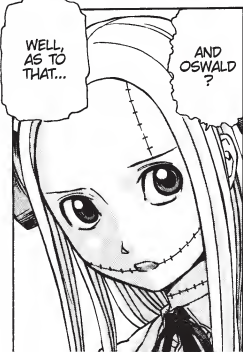
WHAT ON EARTH ...?

AL-SAM.



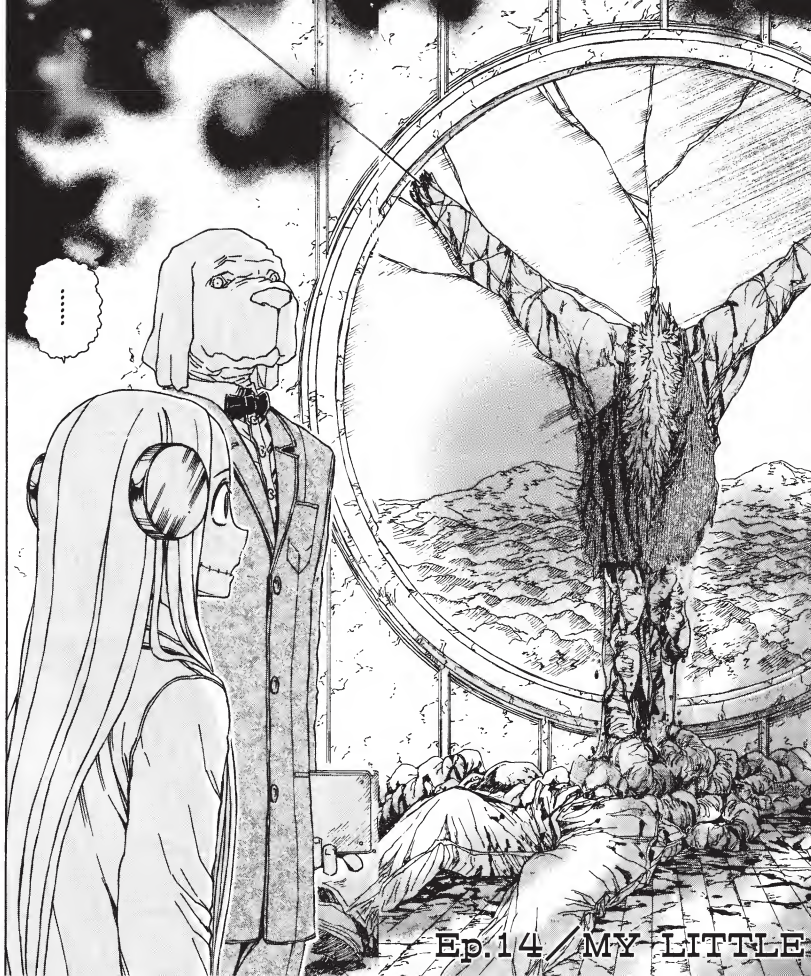
HE WAS ALREADY IN THIS STATE WHEN WE ARRIVED.

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

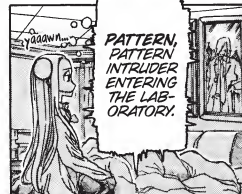


WELL, AS TO THAT...

AND OSWALD?



EMERGENCY ALARM!
EMERGENCY ALARM!!



PATTERN, PATTERN
INTRUDER ENTERING THE LAB-ORATORY.



MOVING, MOVING
AT HIGH SPEED
TOWARD THE
OBSERVATION
ROOM!!

chatter

chatter

I'M
SURE
THIS IS
BEING
RECORDED.

CAN
YOU
SEE
ME?

HELLO,
FRAN.

VIDEO
RE-
CORDED
ABOUT
THIRTY
MINUTES
AGO.

WHAT
IS THIS
VIDEO,
OSWALD?

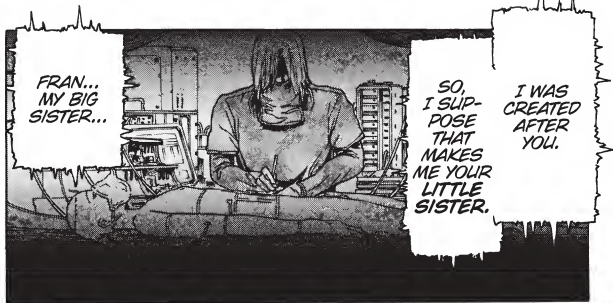
WHO
IS
SHEE-
EEEE?

SHE
DOESN'T
LOOK
FAMILIAR.

SLUMP

MY
NAME IS
VERON-
ICA.

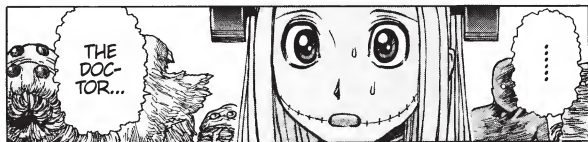
!!
I WAS
CREATED
BY DR.
MADARAKI,
JUST
AS YOU
WERE.



FRAN...
MY BIG
SISTER...

SO,
I SUP-
POSE
THAT
MAKES
ME YOUR
LITTLE
SISTER.

I WAS
CREATED
AFTER
YOU.



THE
DOC-
TOR...

...



A
KILLING
MA-
CHINE.

I
CAME
HERE

...

TO SAY
HELLO
TO MY
BIG
SISTER.

I WAS
BUILT TO
PROTECT
THE
DOCTOR.

ギラ
ギラ
ギラ

WELL,
THEN...

UNTIL
WE MEET
AGAIN,
BIG
SISTER...

DEATH IS
BEAUTY
AND
PERFECT
JUSTICE.

KSSSSH

ZZRT

BUT
SHE SAYS
THE DOCTOR
MAAADE
HER.

SOME
JOKE--
ALSAM'S
DEAD,
FRAN.

OH, I'M
SURE
THIS IS
ALL A JOOO-
OOKE.

FRAN!

SHHK

REMEMBER,
HE WAS
MADE WITH
AN ABUN-
DANCE OF
REGEN-
ERATIVE
STEM
CELLS, SO...

I'M
GOING
TO GO
CHECK
ON
ALSAM.

WE'RE
ALL
SHAKEN
UP,
TOO.

FRAN,
TAKE IT
EASY.

WHAM

SNAP

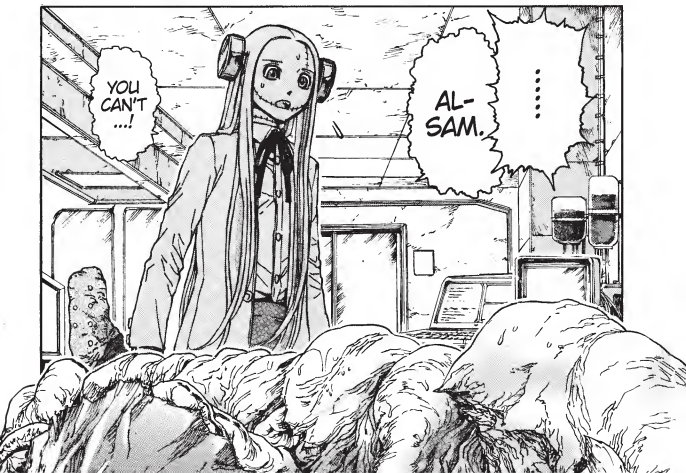
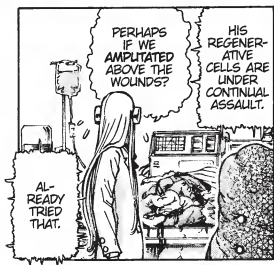
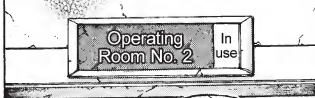
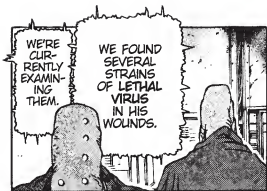
IT'LL
TAKE
MORE
THAN
THIS
TO KILL
HIM.

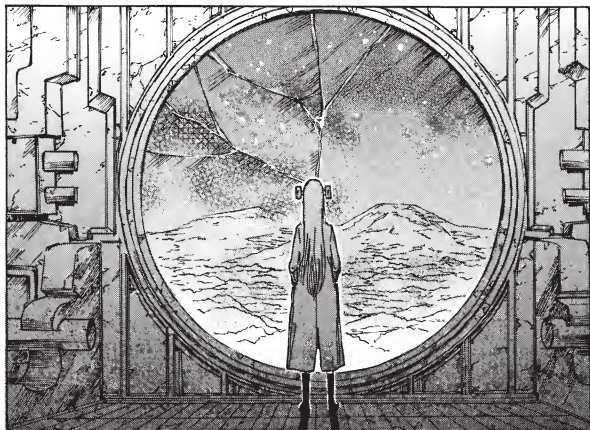
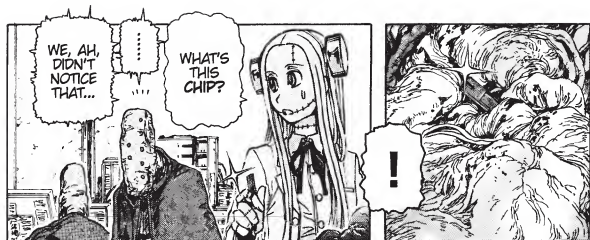
stagger

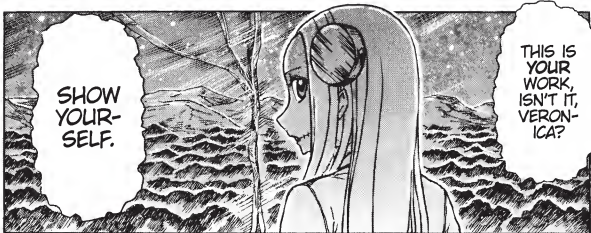
totter

HEY!

FRAN
!!

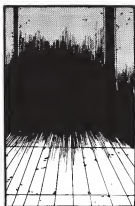
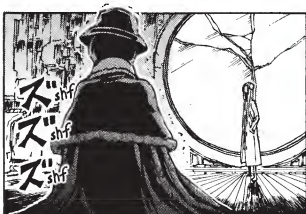






SHOW
YOUR-
SELF.

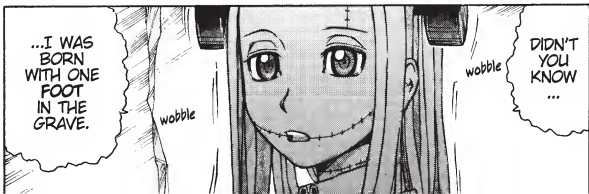
THIS IS
YOUR
WORK,
ISN'T IT,
VERON-
ICA?



READY
TO
DIE...

HELLO
THERE,
FRAN.

SISTER?



...I WAS
BORN
WITH ONE
FOOT
IN THE
GRAVE.

DIDN'T
YOU
KNOW
...

wobble

wobble

THERE'S
INFRARED
SENSORS IN
YOUR EYES,
AND HIGH-
FREQUENCY
RECEPTORS
IN YOUR
EARS...



MM
HMM,
VERY
NICE...



YES,
YOU'RE
DEFINITE-
LY THE
DOCTOR'S
HANDI-
WORK.

BUILT
TO BE
THE
CONSUM-
MATE
ASSASSIN.



AP-
PROACH
UNSEEN,
KILL
UNSEEN.

YOU CAN
SLIP
THROUGH
THE BLIND
SPOTS
OF ALL
MANNER OF
MONITORING
SYSTEMS.

YOU
SHOULD
STOP.

IT'S
NOT NICE
TO KILL
PEOPLE.



AS
YOUR BIG
SISTER,
I'LL JUST
SAY THIS.

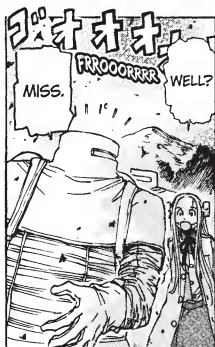
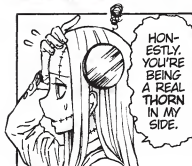
BUT
LIING-
TEN...

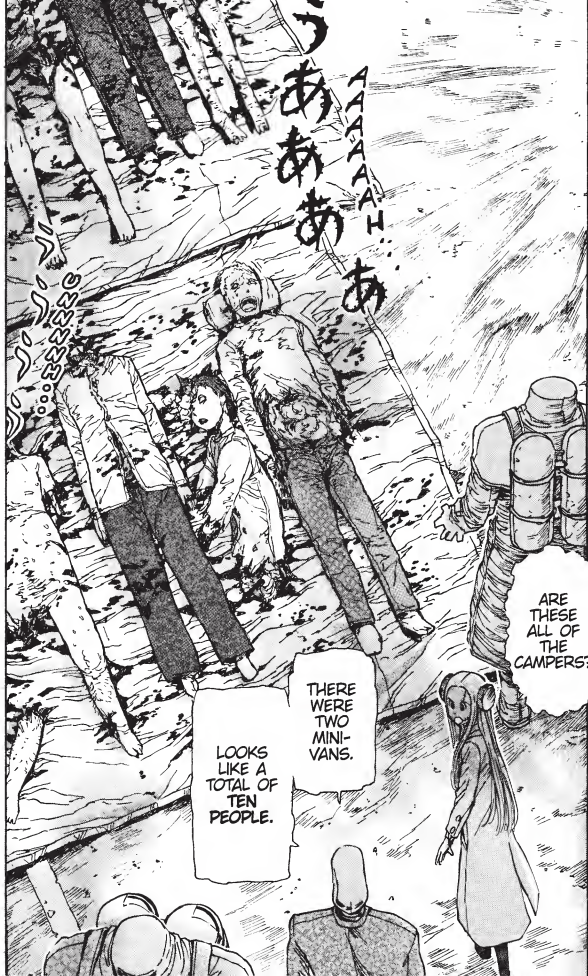
KILLING
IS PER-
FECTLY
NATURAL.

DO
EX-
PLAIN
...

WHAT
COULD
BE "NOT
NICE"
ABOUT
IT?







うあああ
あああ

うあああ
あああ

ARE
THESE
ALL OF
THE
CAMPER'S?

THERE
WERE
TWO
MINI-
VANS.

LOOKS
LIKE A
TOTAL OF
TEN
PEOPLE.



SO,
LET'S TRY
AND DO
WHAT WE
CAN.

THIS
WAS NO
ACCI-
DENT.

BRING
THEM
TO THE
LAB.



WHY
WORK SO
HARD
TO KEEP
THESE
PEOPLE
ALIVE?

AFTER
ALL, THEY
MEAN
NOTHING
TO YOU.

JUST
KILL
'EM.



NOW,
WATCH
!!

THAT'S
ENOUGH
OUT OF
YOU!

WOULDN'T
IT BE
MORE
MERCIFUL
TO END
THEM
ALL...

AND THINK
OF THE
SORROW
SURVIVING
FAMILY
MEMBERS
WILL FEEL.

DEAR
SISTER?



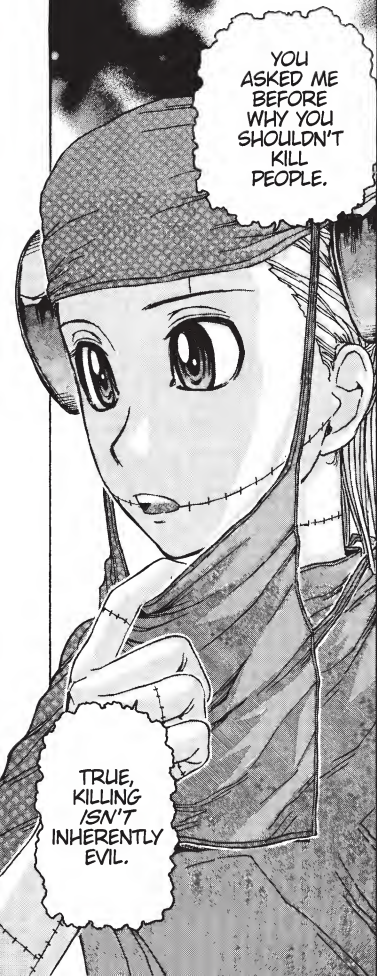
**BEGIN
THE
OPERA-
TION!!**

**YOU'LL
SEE
THAT
I CAN
SAVE
THEM
ALL!**

**DRAW BLOOD,
CHECK
INTO THE
COMPATI-
BILITY AND
IMMUNE
FUNCTION
OF THE
CASUALTIES!!**

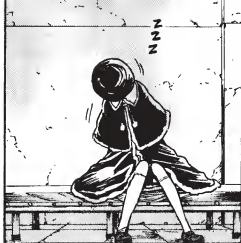
KLATTER KLATTER

BAM



YOU
ASKED ME
BEFORE
WHY YOU
SHOULDN'T
KILL
PEOPLE.

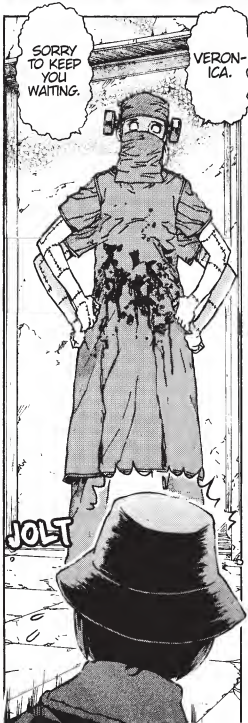
TRUE,
KILLING
ISN'T
INHERENTLY
EVIL.

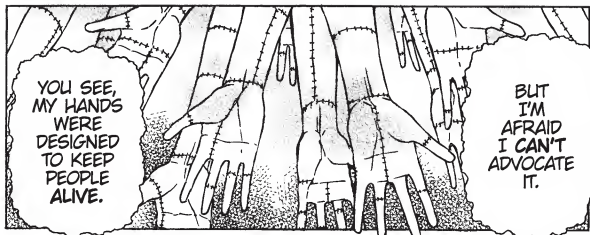


SORRY
TO KEEP
YOU
WAITING.

VERON-
ICA.

JOLT





YOU SEE,
MY HANDS
WERE
DESIGNED
TO KEEP
PEOPLE
ALIVE.

BUT
I'M
AFRAID
I CAN'T
ADVOCATE
IT.



AND
THAT
IS...

...THAT
HE HAS
DEVOTED
HIS LIFE
AND WORK
TO ONE
THING
ALONE.

IF YOU'D
SPENT
YOUR LIFE
WITH THE
DOCTOR,
YOU'D
UNDER-
STAND...



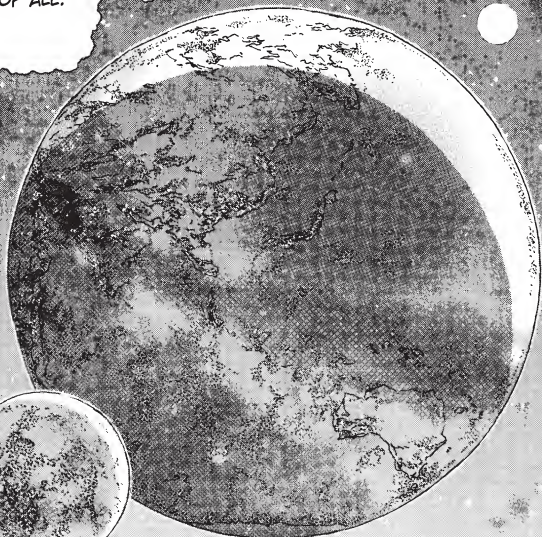
THE
ADVANCE-
MENT OF
SCIENCE
AND THE
HAPPI-
NESS
OF THE
HUMAN
RACE!!

AND
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
EXPERI-
MENTS ARE
DONE TO
IMPROVE
THE HAPPI-
NESS
OF ALL.

TO DO
THAT, THE
ADVANCE-
MENT OF
SCIENCE
THROUGH
EXPERI-
MENTS
IS KEY.

THEY'RE
THE ONLY
LIVING
THINGS
THAT CAN
ACTIVELY
SHAPE
THE RAW
MATERIAL
OF THE
EARTH.

HUMAN
BEINGS
ARE NOT
AN ALIEN
ELEMENT
POLLUTING
THE
WORLD.



DEAR
SISTER.

WELL,
ISN'T
THAT A
PRETTY
PICTURE...

SO MANY
DAYS OF
HELLISH
SLAUGHTER,
ALL TO
PROTECT
THE
DOCTOR...

THEY ALL
CHASED
AFTER
US WITH
THEIR OWN
SELFISH
DESIRES,
TRYING
TO USE AND
KILL US.

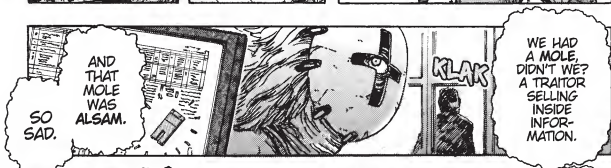
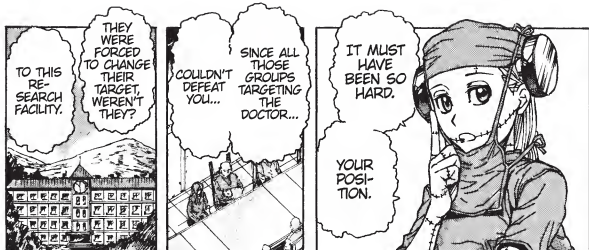
THE
COUNTRIES
THAT TRIED
TO KIDNAP HIM
AND HOLD HIM
WITHIN THEIR
BORDERS...
THE ORGANIZA-
TIONS, MOB
FAMILIES,
BUSINESSES,
RELIGIOUS
GROUPS...

THE
DOCTOR'S
BEEN
UNDER
FIRE
FROM
SO MANY
DIRECTIONS.

LIVING
PEACE-
FULLY.

LITTLE
MISS
SCIENTIST
IN HER
COZY,
SAFE
LITTLE
NEST...

YOU
CAN'T
EVEN
IMAGINE
IT, CAN
YOU?





SHAKE
SHAKE

KICK
FLAP

AAAAAH!

I
MEAN...

WOULDN'T
IT JUST
BE SUCH
A WASTE
...?

Nggaāāh!

skrtch
skrtch

skrtch
skrtch



THAT'S
THE
WARRIOR'S
CODE!!

WHEN
I TAKE
DOWN A
TARGET,
THEY
DON'T
SUFFER!

BUT
EVEN SO,
IT'S A
VERY
PRECIOUS
THING...

LIFE
IS AS
COMMON
AS THE
STARS
AND AS
FLEETING
AS A
FIREFLY'S
GLOW...

LET'S
BE A
LITTLE
KINDER,
OKAY?

DON'T
SAY
SUCH
SAVAGE
THINGS.

Help
meeeee!

Kill
meeee!

Sniffle...

Unnnnnh...

Aaaaaah...

Ngaaaaah!

AHHH!!

ハッ

OH,
YES.
THAT.

...THAT
I'LL LET
YOU GET
AWAY.
SCOTT-FREE.
I'M YOUR
BIG SISTER,
AFTER ALL.

pant
pant

BUT
THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN...

I UNDER-
STAND THAT
YOU DID
WHAT YOU
DID FOR THE
SAKE OF THE
LAB.

I EM-
BEDDED
AN IC
CHIP AND
ELEC-
TRODES.

WHILE
YOU
WERE
SLEEPING
BE-
FORE...

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AAAAAAAAA!!

アア

OPERATING

HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE...

YOU'RE
GONNA
LOVE
THEM.

I HAVE
A LOT
OF FUN
EXPERI-
MENTS.

NOW,
LET'S
PLAY,
VERON-
ICA.

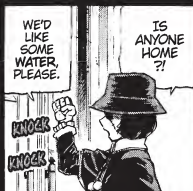
FLX

Extra Episode/
BLOODY VERONICA





LOOK,
A
TOWN...



WE'D
LIKE
SOME
WATER,
PLEASE.

IS
ANYONE
HOME
?!

KNOCK
KNOCK



KNOCK
KNOCK



GOOD
TIMING,
HUH,
PUCK?

pant pant

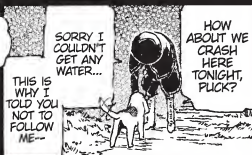
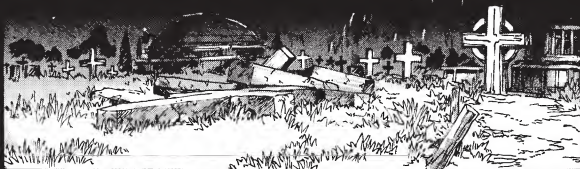
WE'LL
FINALLY
BE ABLE
TO GET
SOME
WATER.



ARE
THEY
HIDING
...?!

WHAT
ARE
THEY
SCARED
OF...?

SOME-
ONE'S
HERE...







WATER.

COULD
I PLEASE
HAVE
SOME
WAT--

SORRY.

huff

GRAB

JOHNNY!

GUESS
THAT
DID IT,
HUH?

CHAK

huff

huff

SLUMP

YOU
MON-
STER!

GET
OUT!

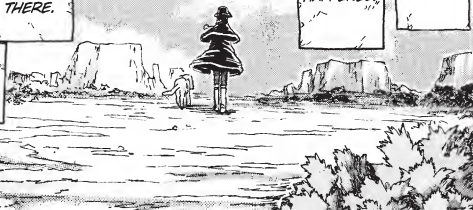
DON'T
COME
NEAR
THIS
TOWN
AGAIN!!

VERONICA'S
JOURNEY
CONTINUES
AS SHE
SEEKS OUT
HER ONLY
RELATIVE IN
THIS WORLD--
THE ONLY ONE
WHO MIGHT
ACCEPT HER.

THE
OLDER
SISTER
SHE'S
NEVER
SEEN
THERE.

THE LAB
SHE WAS
TOLD TO
SEEK
OUT IF
ANYTHING
HAPPENED.

ONE
MONTH
SINCE
BEING
SEPARATED
FROM DR.
MADARAKI.



禍 談

TALES OF EVIL
マガバナ



BEAUTY





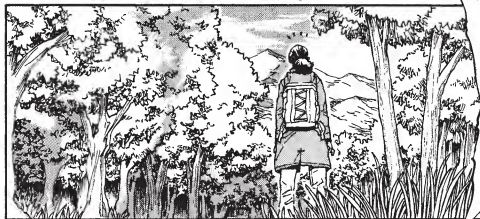
**YOU
LITTLE
PER-
VERT!!**

**...AND
GOB-
BLE
ME
UP!!**

**TAKE
THOSE
JAWS...**

**AW,
YEAH...
THIS
RULES.**

HELP



HEEEELP!



HELP!



OVER THERE?

HELP!



WHERE ARE YOU?!



HELP!

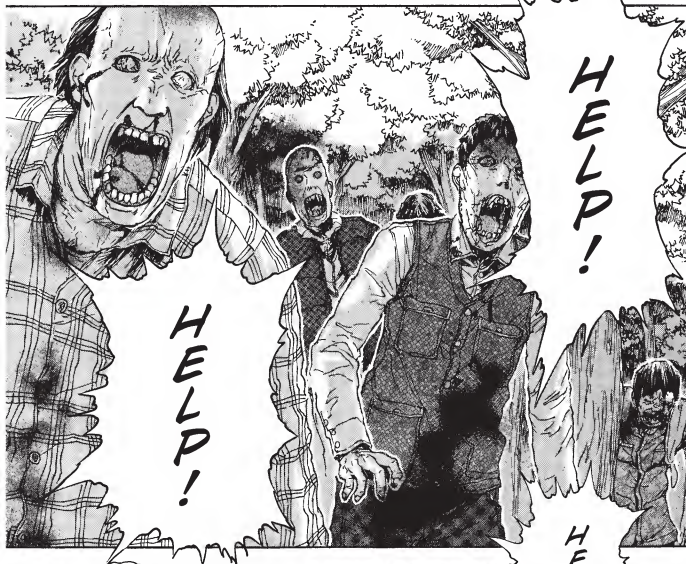


WHAT THE ...?

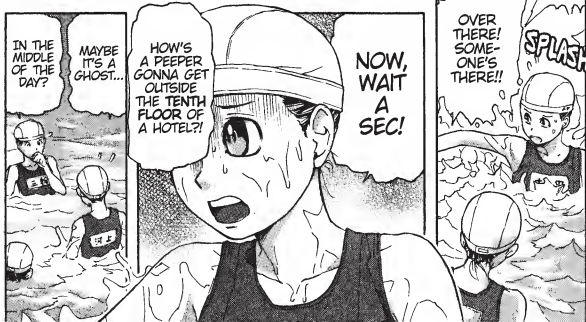
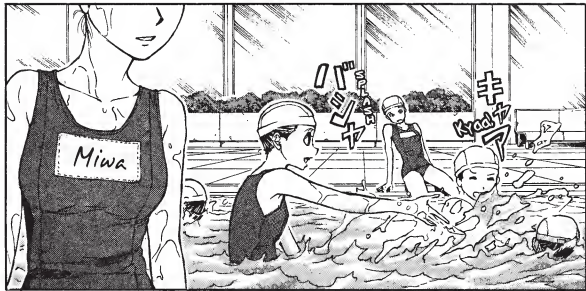
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A CLEARING HERE...

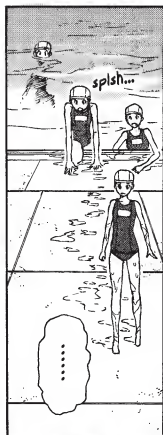
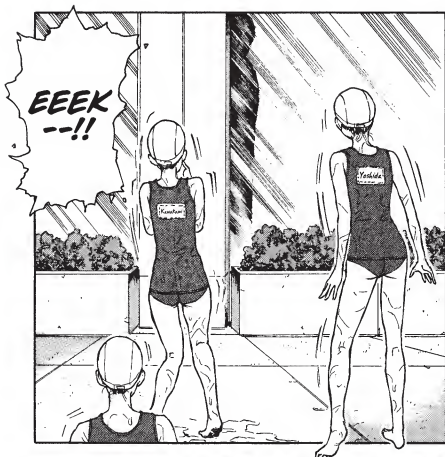


RUSTLE

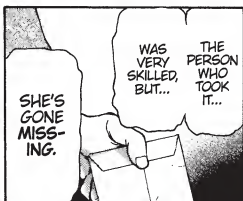


NOT PEEPI





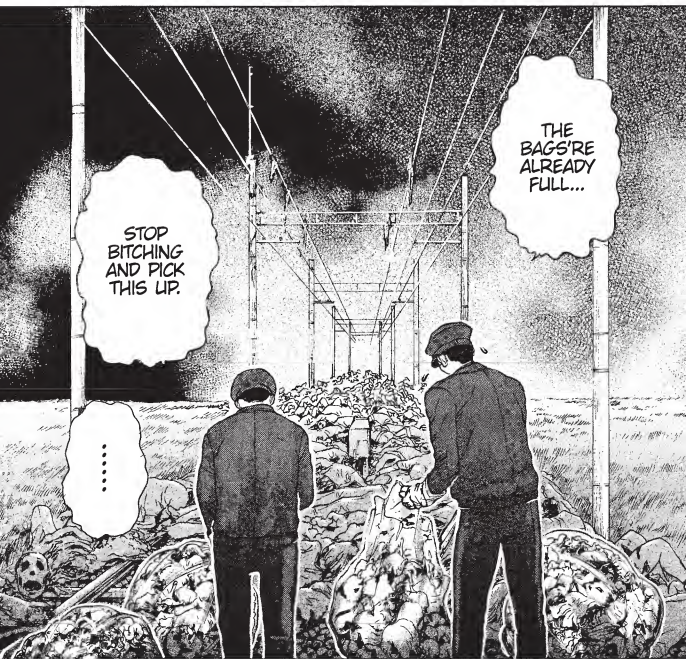
SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY





STOPPED





STOP
BITCHING
AND PICK
THIS UP.

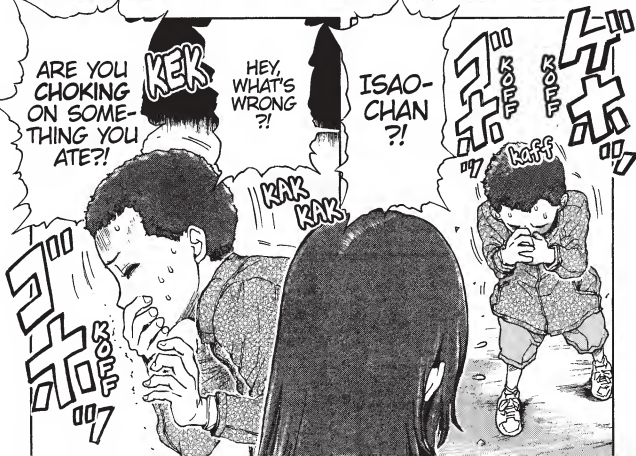
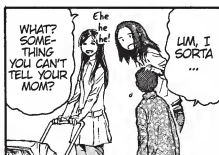
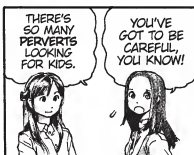
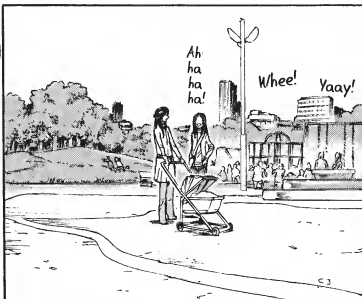
THE
BAGS'RE
ALREADY
FULL...

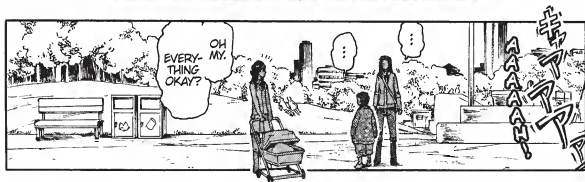
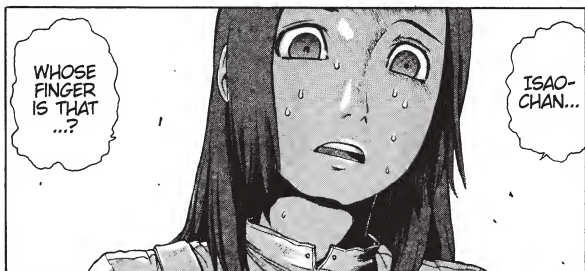
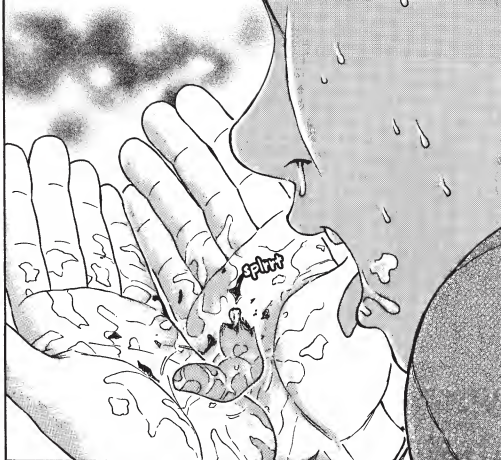
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WE CAN'T
KEEP THE
TRAINS
STOPPED
FOREVER.

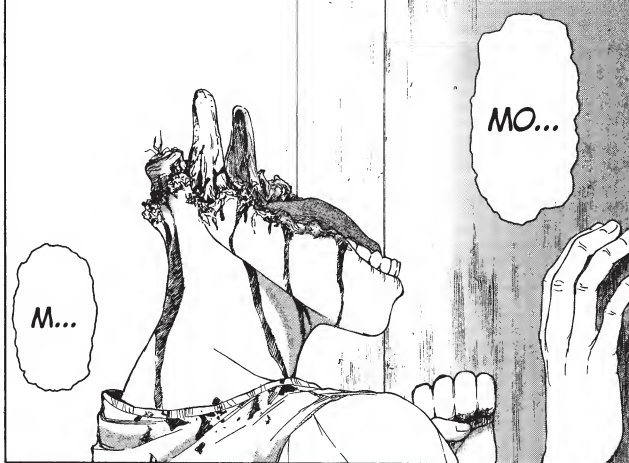
CRIMINAL





THE PAST







Painter



They say that the world looks different depending on the creature looking at it... Why does the mantis shrimp need that high level of color sense? I mean, they have a weird kind of punching power, and aren't they basically fighting without sight at all...?



Body Double



Maybe because the pages are pretty much dominated by middle-aged men, the drawings feel a bit staid... Sometimes I wonder if Molton was based on a real company, other times I don't.

Cockroaches

I deeply regretted this one at the inking stage, but halfway through, I found myself thinking that roaches were beautiful creatures. At first, I was going to have the subtitle "Vector Case Files," but then I found a future topic for that title, so it's all good.



Visions on a Snowy Night



This is something I originally did as a bonus for the first book, and then redid for this volume. In the original, Fran doesn't save the brother. She just fixes the doll and leaves (seven pages). The beginning is a scene from a certain famous manga. It's a scene I really wanted to do.



Division



This is a story I did because I find the process of cell division to be deeply unpleasant. It's frightening to think on the macro scale, like space, but the micro can be just as creepy.



After the Division



I was curious about what happened after splitting Yoka in two, hence the continuation. I also took the opportunity to bring back the lady detective. I want to have her in more detective cases. Two of her have already shown up, but it seems that no one noticed, so that's on me.



Veronica



The debut of Veronica. Finally, a new player. For a while there, I wondered about maybe naming her Karigari, but well, that's not very girlish, and so she ended up Veronica. Apparently, the image with five heads and ten bodies at the climax is a good omen, you know. There are no breaks in it.



Bonus



An origin story for Veronica. If I get the chance, I'd like to draw the rest of this story as well. And with this, we end the second volume. Thank you so much for joining me.

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
FRAN-
SAN.

HELLO
AGAIN,
PRESI-
DENT.

wind
wind

I'M SO
EMBAR-
RASSED
...

SORRY
FOR THE
CONFU-
SION.

THIS IS JUST
A PROTECTIVE
LAYER UNTIL
THE ARTIFICIAL
SKIN REGEN-
ERATES ON ITS
OOOOOWN.



HA HA HA HA HA HA!

OH!
WAIT!

BEFORE
YOU GO
ANYWHERE,
HERE'S
YOUR
BIIIIIIILL!

WHAT?!
THE
SKIN
MUTAT-
ED?



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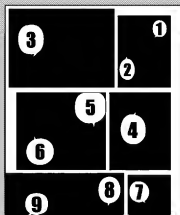
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